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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

First, machine-guns at Fanling, frightening inoffensive golfers off their wits. Next, an enemy raid on our coast, frustrated in the nick of time by our trusty troops. Well, and what next? Bomb-proof shelters into which we can crawl underground to avoid being blown to smithereens; and gas-masks for everybody to guard against waves of poison-gas!

Discussing things with the G.O.C. and the Commodore after the smoke of battle had cleared away, I congratulated them heartily on their splendid work. Both modestly shook their heads as I spoke in high praise of their masterly handling of the problem placed before them, and the difficult situations arising out of it. "Tek, tek," said the G.O.C., "I insist, breaking in like a nervous schoolboy, on the fact that I have been in the French in my excitement, as do all experienced war correspondents. It was magnificent!" Again the French broke out in a whirling torrent. "I must insist, gentlemen, on congratulating you; these exercises would not be complete without a few words of praise from me—J. Penn, Unofficial Distributor of Eye-wash. I cannot let this opportunity pass without telling you both how impressed I was by the tactics and strategy displayed—the cool courage, the swift decision—the swifter action—" Just then the G.O.C. and the Commodore rose from their seats, smiled significantly at each other, grasped me warmly by the arms and shook them fervently. The door opened, and my hosts speeded the parting guest, simultaneously. "I still carry the marks of their esteem, and shall be taking my meals standing up for the next few days."

I hear from Kowloon that miles of trenches are being made and more miles of earthworks thrown up along the Nathan Road, and friends living in that neighbourhood tell me it is not necessary to go all the way out to Kwantai to get steeples chasing practice. Nathan Road offers all the facilities required by any but the most fastidious. But in spite of the fact that one-half of the road is "up," and the other half is scarcely down, two young men who have hopes of smashing world's records have been busy with their speed trials along Nathan Road.

It is a lovely car, but a trifle noisy—something like a couple of pneumatic riveters working at full bore inside a gasometer. This noise saves wear and tear on the built-horn and klaxon, it not being necessary to indicate the approach of the vehicle by resorting to the use of these instruments of warning. But in spite of the deafening din this little vehicle makes, it does not appear to have roused up any of the policemen in the neighbourhood. Still, "we live in hope," says Dottlethwaite.

My old friend, by the way, is rather pessimistic these days. He is worried about his rubber shares now, having got over the shock of the depreciated dollar. He says if Edison is going to make rubber from a weed, he (Dottlethwaite) is

going to retaliate by inventing electrical apparatus. Evidently news of this threat has reached the famous Wizard, for I see Mr. Edison now says he is not quite sure whether his artificial rubber scheme is really a practical proposition. I know quite a number of people who will be much more pleased with that news than they were with the first report.

I went out to dinner the other night as a guest of the N.Y.K., and, my word, I consider I earned the meal. Mind you, it was a scrumptious feed, and there was so much to eat that they couldn't get all the items on an ordinary menu-card, but had to give us cards as big as a sheet of foolscap. But I worked up an appetite which was appropriate to the occasion. Not only did I walk along several miles of creek and corridor, but in the gymnasium I cycled ten miles, rowed two, and ran one on the electric horse. After this I had my spinal column hammered by the electric massage machine, and was all ready for a plunge into that beautiful swimming-pool, but was dragged off to dinner instead. My, how I enjoyed that meal! I can understand now why all the corridors and decks on the Asama Maru are so wide. After a fortnight's voyage on that ship passengers must put on so much weight that they would be jammed in a solid mass if the open spaces on board were not made twice the usual width.

It seems that my Kowloon friends have let me down badly. Here I have been doing my best to boost the place, writing graphic descriptions of new buildings and other civic and municipal improvements, and now it appears all these complimentary remarks were quite unwarranted. I have been handing out bouquets, whereas bricks should have been thrown! From Aberdeen (Scotland, not the other one) comes news about Kowloon which astounds me, and has decided me never to visit the place again. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Victor Mackenzie (lang may his lum reek!) has been to Kowloon, and on escaping safely from its perils has been telling his fellow-countrymen all about it. He was with the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards—rather in command, not merely with—during their stay in this Colony, and he will not soon forget his terrible experiences. Let him speak for himself.

"The Scots Guards arrived at a town, opposite the island of Hong Kong, on the mainland and, while the conditions were reminiscent of active service, they were not actually so, as the troops' job was not to fight, but simply to protect the British residents. The task was different to that of troops on ordinary garrison duty abroad, however, as there were no regular barracks, and, what with the terrible climate of South China, unbearable heat night and day, a frightfully damp atmosphere, periods of torrential rains which flooded the streets knee-deep, very often accompanied by typhoons which caused severe havoc to property, and sometimes human life; and, last, but by no means least,

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day, (December 7.)

Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.

Cricket:—Div. I.: Indian R.C. v. University (L), Navy v. Army (L), Chinese R.C. v. Kowloon (L), Crispen-gower v. Civil Service (F), Division II.: Hong Kong C.C. v. Recreation (L), University v. Indian R.C. (L), Kowloon C.C. v. Crispen-gower C.C. (L).

Football:—Senior Div.: Chinese v. South China, Royal Artillery v. Recreation, St. Joseph's v. Club, Somersets v. Kowloon, Navy v. Police, Junior Div.: K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's, Royal Artillery v. Chinese, "A," Kowloon v. Somersets, Ewo v. Navy, R.A.M.C. v. Recreation, South China "B" v. South China "A," Chinese "B" v. Eastern.

Radio:—Exhibition, "City Hall," 2 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Coquette," 4.30 p.m.

World Theatre: "Mark of Zorro," 8 p.m.

Star Theatre: "My Best Girl,"
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8 p.m.
R.E. Dance: Wellington Banquets, 8.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Rawalpindi) 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, (December 8.)

Second Sunday in Advent.

Queen's Theatre: "Behind that Curtain," 4.30 p.m.

World Theatre: "Saxophone Susie," 8 p.m.

Star Theatre: "Give and Take," 8 p.m.

Golf: Captain's Cup, First and Second Round of Championship, Fanling.

St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar, 4.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 12.13 a.m.; Low, 9.13 a.m.

Monday, (December 9.)

Sale of Crown Land, Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 2235, 2236, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Behind that Curtain," 8 p.m.

World Theatre: "Saxophone Susie," 8 p.m.

Star Theatre: "Give and Take," 8 p.m.

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 1.12 a.m.; Low, 10.03 a.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Pres. Grant), 5 p.m.; via Siberia (Pres. Grant), 6 p.m.

Tuesday, (December 10.)

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

R.H.K. Golf Club annual general meeting, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 8.30 p.m.

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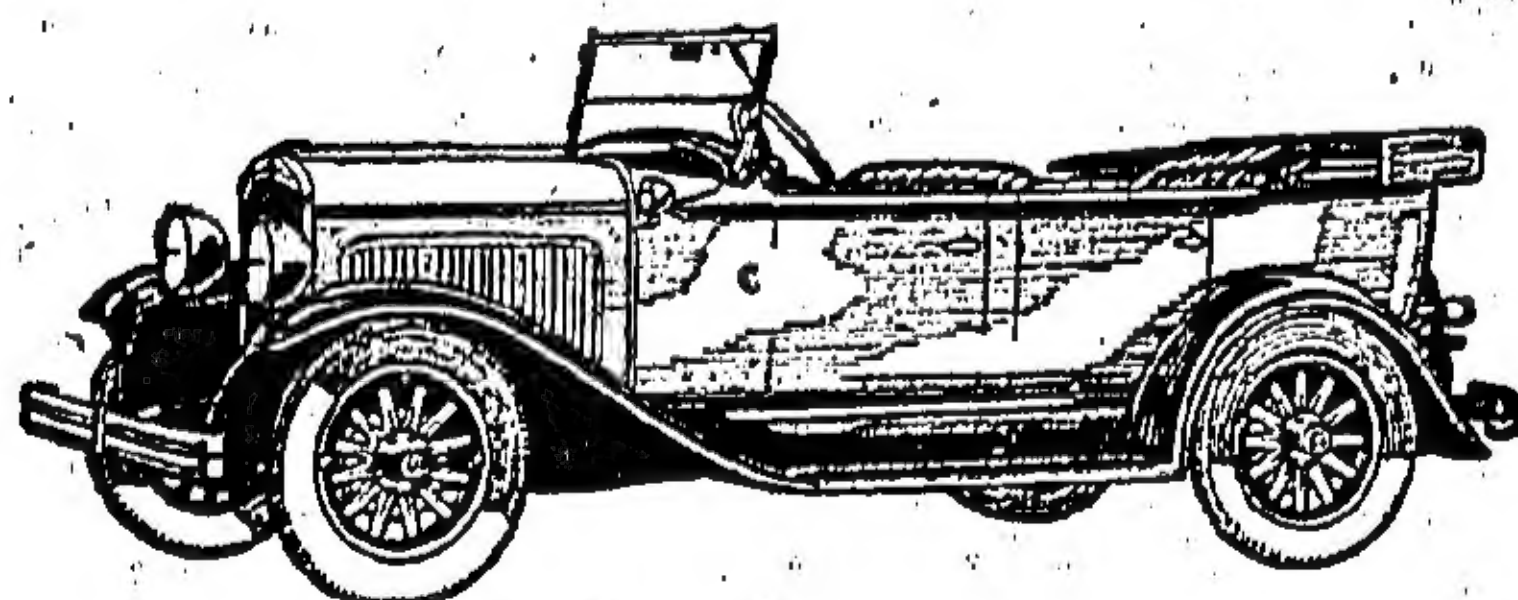
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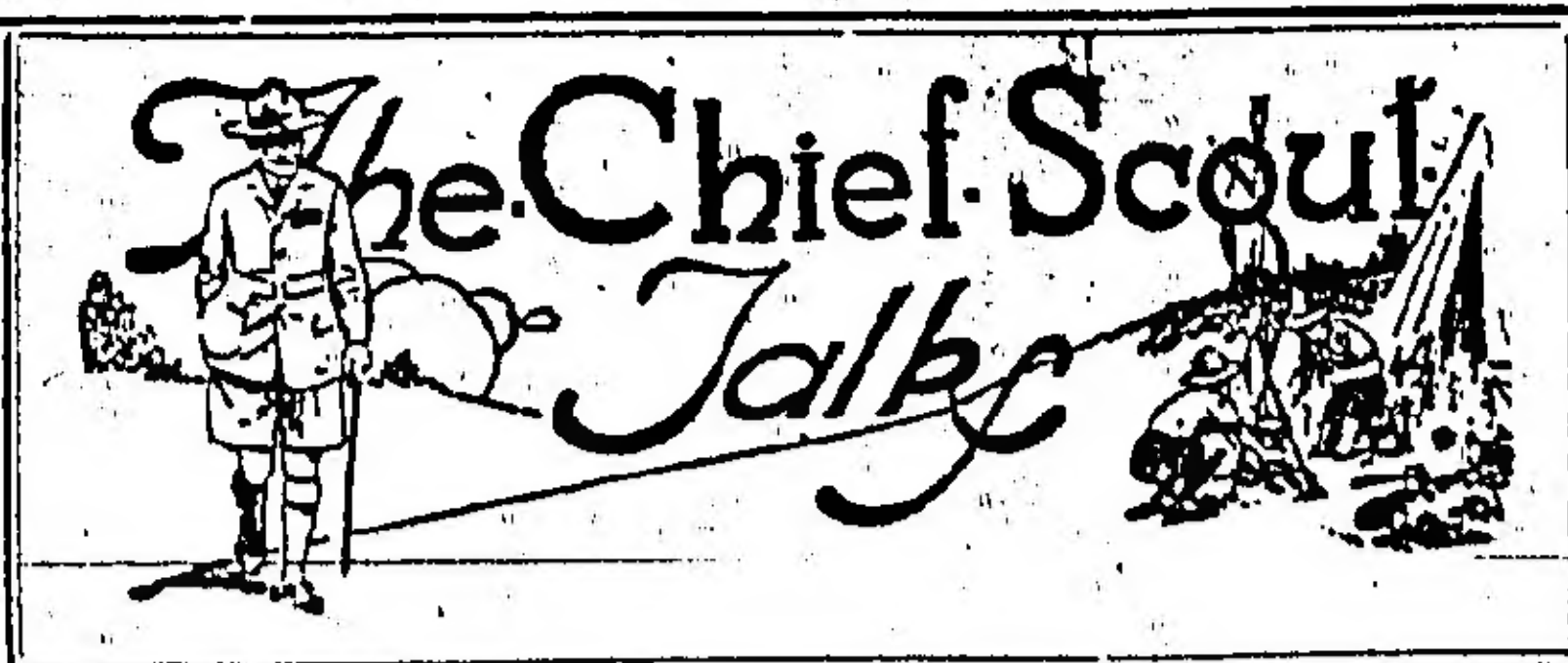
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A SCOUTS' CLUB.

(BY LIEUT.-GENERAL LORD BADEN-POWELL.)

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There are Clubs and Clubs.

I have been in club rooms of many different kinds in my time. Of course there are the Clubs in London, where old gentlemen sit in fat armchairs, read newspapers, and have their coffee or cigars brought to them by silent-footed waiters.

Everything is comfortably done for them, and they have strict rules about not talking loudly, or smoking except in the smoking-rooms, so that they may not disturb the comfort of other members.

I belong to one of these myself, so I know how very comfortable they are—and how very uncomfortable! Too starchy for me!

In Kashmir I came across another kind of Club. This was a sort of shed where the old men of the village used to meet in the evenings and tell stories about the tribe and its history.



A Club where old men of the village used to meet.

Here the younger men collected round to hear the brave deeds of their fathers in battle and in the chase, and so to learn how to become good men in their turn.

The Backwoodsman's Club.

In the Canadian backwoods I have seen log huts put up by hunters, and used by themselves or other people coming there for headquarters during their shooting or fishing expeditions.

These huts were built by the men themselves and fitted with all the woodman's clever dodges, such as simple door-locks, rough but comfortable furniture, and ornamented with skins and horns they had secured in the chase, as well as with rough drawings or carved totems.

That's the sort of club I like best of all.

A Real Scout Club.

Now a Scouts' Club-room is again different from any of these, and yet if it is a good one it has a touch of them all.

If it is to be comfortable and if it is to be a credit to the Troop it must be kept clean, and carried on in an orderly manner so that, if not exactly like a London Club, at any rate it is not a bear garden.

Then, like a French Salle d'Honneur, it should have the trophies and records of the Troop displayed on its walls, including Rolls of Honour, records of prizes and Competitions, photos of camps, Flags, Totems, and so on.

As in the case of the Kashmir village club the Scouts' room is the place where young fellows come to hear about the gallant deeds of their forebears and fellow-countrymen, and where they pick up the pluck and spirit to do as these men have done.

The Club of which any Scout is proudest is that which he has had a hand in building, or decorating, or furnishing.

I have seen all sorts of Scouts' Clubs, but by far the best and most interesting have been those which the boys have made and equipped for themselves rather than those which have been supplied to them by the generosity of others.

Do It Yourself.

We all take a pride in something we have made ourselves, and consequently the Scout Club that is looked after the best and kept the cleanest and most spick and span is the one that has been built entirely by the Scouts themselves in their spare time after work or school hours, when each fellow turns up and does his bit of the work in whatever line he excels at.

There is nothing in the inside of such a Club that has not been made by the members themselves; and, though they do not have fat leather armchairs, the seats they do have are well made and strong, and such as a Scout is proud to offer to a visitor.

When I see a Club room like that, and hear that the Scouts have done it all themselves, I know at once that they are a jolly good and efficient Troop and that the members, whether as a Troop or as individuals, will get on in the world because they can fend for themselves.

DOG TOO LATE TO STOP A MURDER.

SIR HENRY WILSON'S ASSASSINATION.

How the late arrival of a dog may have facilitated the assassination of General Sir Henry Wilson outside his house on June 22, 1922, is revealed by Colonel E. H. Richardson, the famous dog trainer and breeder, in his new book, "Forty Years With Dogs."

"I have always deeply regretted," he writes, "that the fine fellow I selected for General Sir Henry Wilson to be his guard and companion arrived too late. Knowing the danger in which this brave and patriotic officer daily and hourly stood, I had given days of anxious thought, training and testing, in order to ensure his receiving a really adequate safeguard against his enemies."

"I believe this dog had actually arrived at the house and was waiting his master's inspection, when the latter returned from Liverpool Street Station, where he had been unveiling a war memorial. It will be remembered that he was attacked and shot at by a man who had been told by the dog that he was the owner of the dog, it might have

been with him in his car, or would perhaps have been waiting his return in the hall."

Dogs and Firearms.

He explains that the moral effect alone of the known presence of a dog acts as a complication in the plans of assassins. "They never quite know how to reckon with the animal, where it will be, or what it might do."

"As to what a dog can actually do under such circumstances, even when firearms are in question, there is no doubt whatever. It is difficult for the assailant to shoot both master and dog at the same time, and the fact that a powerful, furious animal is capable of severely punishing any such attack, and is present or near at hand to do so, and is also likely to create a tremendous noise, and finally to swiftly pursue on any attempt of the miscreant to run away, all this constitutes a sense of serious difficulty beforehand. If, in spite of this deterrent, a determined individual does nevertheless attempt such an assault, confusion of aim in the added excitement, noise and confusion of the situation is probable. Shots fly wide when attention is distracted by a set of strong teeth embedded in the calf of the leg or attached to the wrist that holds the gun."



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The Mistress: "Mary, nobody seems to like this new dress of mine. Do you want it?"

The Maid: "No, thanks, ma'am. My husband doesn't like it, either."

Father, teacher says money does not bring happiness," said young Abie.

"Der teacher was quite right. It is the interest on the money that brings happiness."

The road show was playing a poor town.

"Are we alone?" hissed the villain.

"Almost," rejoined his partner, looking sadly at the rows of empty seats.

He lighted up, saying: "I always think when I light my pipe of the schoolboy statement that Sir Walter Raleigh introduced tobacco into England, saying, when he had his last smoke, 'We have this day lighted a fire in England such as by God's grace will never be extinguished.'"

A member of the club drew the pro's attention to a certain lady upon the links who "was certainly very beautiful, but whose complexion obviously owed something to the paint-box. 'Ou, eye,' said the pro, 'she's all right, sir.' But I'm thinkin' a thunder-storm would mak' an awful hash o' her."

The young farmers were boasting about the size of the vegetables they had grown. Finally, one of them turned to Uncle Seth.

"What was the biggest thing you raised this year, Uncle Seth?"

"A squash."

"Well, how big was it?"

"We never measured it," drawled Uncle Seth, "but we used the seeds for snowshoes."

Benevolent Lady (to newly married charwoman): "And so you are married now, Lydia. I hope your husband is a good provider."

The Bride: "That he is, mum. He got me three new places to wash at last week."

Hubby: "Well, darling, I ran that errand for you to-day—I bought the towels and took them to a seamstress to have the question marks sewed on."

Surprised Wife: "What on earth did you think I asked you to buy?"

Hubby: "You told me to buy a dozen guess towels, of course."

A Salvationist went to visit an old Scotch lady, and after the usual talk he read to her from a modern translation of the New Testament.

The old lady listened attentively to the end, and then she said: "Eh, that's fine! And now, wad ye read me a wee bit frae, the Word o' God?"

The barrister was cross-examining a witness in a case where her (the witness's) husband was charged with robbery.

"You knew this man was a thief when you married him?"

"I did."

"Then why did you marry him?"

"My mother gave me the choice of a thief or a lawyer, so I married the thief."

The cross-examination ended.

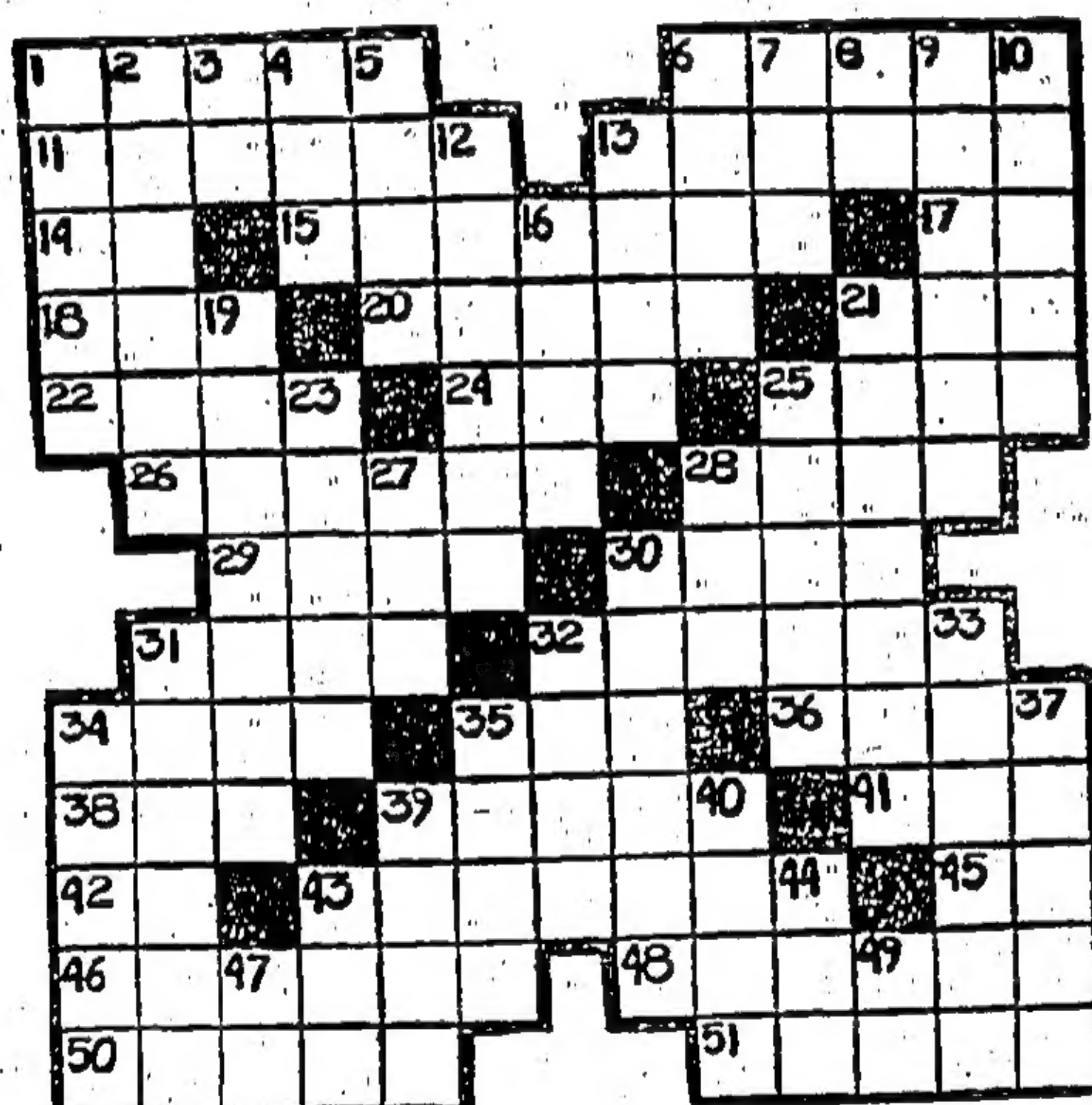
McFeergus had given the commercial traveller many good orders on behalf of his firm. The town traveller though the circumstances warranted a small gift, to McFeergus, of McFeergus and Co.

"Would you care for a box of Corona cigars?" he asked McFeergus.

"Now, I wouldn't tak' a present. It would be bribery an' corruption."

The traveller saw at a glance that McFeergus was struggling with his desire. "Give me sixpence for the box of cigars," he exclaimed. McFeergus drew a shilling from his pocket and replied: "Awel, then, I'll tak' two boxes at the same price."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



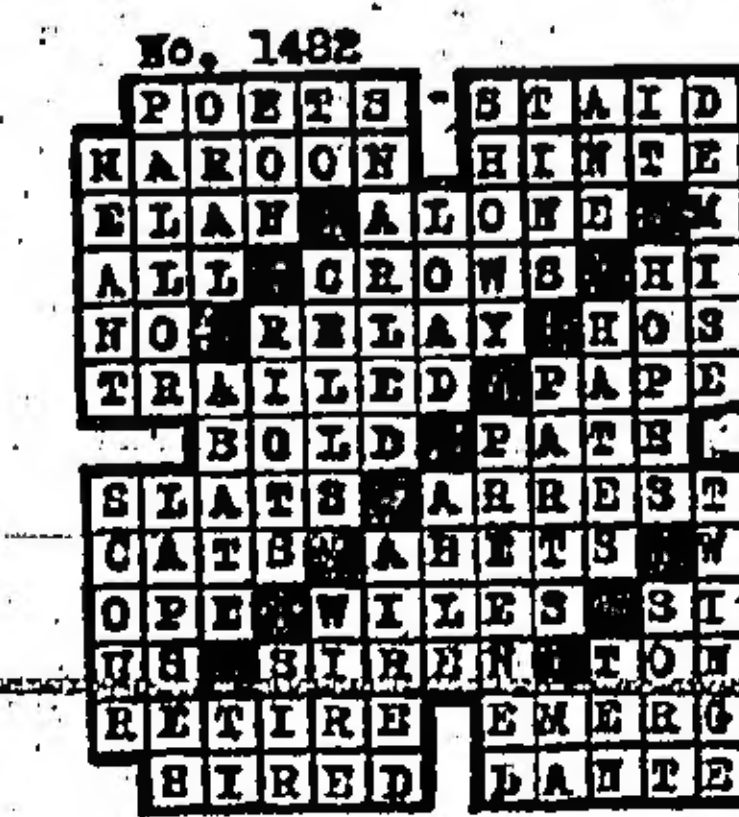
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 - 11.—Snappy answer.
 - 12.—Decorous.
 - 14.—Toward a higher place.
 - 15.—Tired.
 - 17.—Behold.
 - 18.—Flying mammal.
 - 20.—To indict, as vengeance.
 - 31.—Vessel.
 - 32.—Father.
 - 34.—Male sheep.
 - 35.—Rules.
 - 36.—Moved quickly.
 - 38.—Chums.
 - 39.—Empty.
 - 40.—Opera star.
 - 41.—Counsel.
 - 42.—European country.
 - 43.—Shoes bottom.
 - 36.—Meet.
 - 36.—Individual.
 - 39.—Existed.
 - 40.—Ointment.
 - 41.—To take court action.
 - 42.—Part of to be.
 - 43.—Forces.
 - 45.—Prefix down.
 - 46.—Refuses.
 - 48.—Inclined.
 - 50.—Woody plants.
 - 51.—Peasantry to European country.

- Vertical.
- 1.—Larvae.
 - 2.—Paid back.
 - 3.—Alongside.
 - 4.—At this time.
 - 5.—Sketches.
 - 6.—To hunt.
 - 7.—To marry.
 - 8.—Type measure.
 - 9.—Lits.
 - 10.—Hindu peasants.
 - 12.—Blackened.

- 16.—To perse.
- 19.—Tours.
- 21.—Splendid buildings.
- 23.—To wear away.
- 25.—Washes.
- 27.—Cravat.
- 28.—Pastry.
- 30.—Flocks.
- 31.—Wanderer.
- 32.—To swallow eagerly.
- 33.—Evades.
- 34.—Black.
- 35.—Obstructions.
- 37.—Provides food for.
- 38.—Drunkards.
- 40.—Old Cloth measure.
- 43.—Billiard stick.
- 44.—To plant.
- 47.—To exist.
- 48.—Jumbled type.

This puzzle took 10 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



THE MINUTE THAT SEEMS A YEAR.

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

HOW NASH USED HIS TIME.

The final report of the coaching scheme carried out by the Lancashire County Lawn Tennis Association shows that R. A. Nash, the professional, put in nearly 100 hours at the Northern Club training players who had been selected by the committee. Sixteen women and 18 men were coached, each player having on an average four half hours individual lessons, two one-hour singles tuition with another player, and two hours doubles practice under the supervision of Nash. The following players have been specially mentioned: Miss Bullock (Manchester and District Parks), Miss Dychoff (Western Club, Pendleton), Miss J. R. Pollitt (Northern), Miss C. M. Sankey (Northern), Miss D. Wilcock (Northern), Miss M. McDonald (Chorltonville), Miss J. Maxwell (Heaton Mersey), Miss K. M. Mallett (Western, Pendleton), Miss M. Mallett (Markland Hill, Bolton), Miss F. Fisher-Lyon (Chorltonville), and Miss E. S. Hampson (Cheetham Hill). Neville Meland (Northern), E. B. Walker (Markland Hill Club, Bolton), S. E. Rocca (Northern), D. P. Evans (Northern), A. Harrison (Manchester and District Parks), and N. Windle (Manchester Y.M.C.A.).

A VERSATILE TEAM.

The Racing Club de France, one of the foremost of the French sporting clubs, is considering an invitation to tour Egypt with a team that will meet the best Egyptian teams at Rugby football, swimming, athletics, boxing, lawn tennis, fencing, and billiards.

FIDEL LA BARBA BEATEN IN PARIS.

In the twelve round fight between the Italian-American Fidel La Barba and the Italian Kid Francis neither boxer went all out and there were frequent demonstrations from the crowd, who urged the boxers to put some life into their work. Francis was behind on points at the beginning of the fourth round, La Barba having scored with lefts to the head and right jabs to the body. Francis began the fifth with a smart body blow, but La Barba replied with two smashing upper cuts. Francis in the sixth fought his man with both hands, but La Barba levelled matters in the seventh, and in the eighth drove his man to the ropes, but Francis fought brilliantly on the retreat. Both men slackened in the ninth round, but Francis, using his left, lightly but skillfully in the three succeeding rounds, did enough to earn a verdict which was acclaimed uproariously.

24 GOALS IN LADIES' MATCH.

At Fallowfield Mersey Liverpool ladies defeated Manchester University ladies by 14 goals to 10. Scorers for the Mersey were Miss Phillip (5), Miss Torry (4), Miss Brundrett (2), and Miss Baty; for the University Miss Kerr (3), Miss Knight (3), Miss Stirling (2), and Miss Mills (2).

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOURSOMES.

Winchester, represented by Captain A. H. Hornby and Captain G. E. Hawkins, won the public schools bogey foursomes competition at Camberley Heath with two down for 36 holes. Aldenham (T. E. B. Reid and R. L. Mansell) were second with four down; Malvern (G. N. Foster and G. Illingworth) third with seven down, and Cheltenham (Captain W. H. H. Aitken and D. S. Redman), the holders, next with eight down.

WEIGHT-LIFTING RECORDS.

Two world's records and a British record were set up at the British Amateur Weight Lifting Association meeting at Camberwell. Thomas Inch lifted 270lb. with two dumb-bells, and W. Pullen made another world's record with 500lb. (Roman column). The British record was by F. Danjels, who with a two-handed jerk from behind the neck lifted 260lb.

WORCESTER AMATEURS WIN.

Although Warwickshire amateurs won the singles by seven matches to five against Worcestershire amateurs at Blackwell, near Birmingham, they lost the match by ten matches to eight, as Worcestershire had won the foursomes, played earlier in the day, by five matches to one. In the leading single match C. S. Buckley, the old Aston Villa footballer, was beaten by H. Hall (Warwickshire) two up.

MAINLY FOR THE MEN.

London bridge circles are scandalised at the thought that the fair name of their favourite game has been besmirched by the woman in Kansas City who shot her husband dead because she disapproved of the way in which he had played his hand. The opinion among the experts of the game is that, although no doubt it is often tiresome to be let down by one's partner, there is seldom real justification for the use of a revolver. A suggestion by a newspaper representative to the secretary of Crockford's, the London bridge and poker club, that it might prove necessary in future for bridge clubs to have their members searched for fire-arms was indignantly refused. "It may be the fashion in the Wild West to go to the card table armed to the teeth," he said, "but here such a thing is unthinkable... besides, it would give a club a bad name." "What would you do," he was asked, "if some one trumped his partner's ace and was promptly shot for it?" "I should send for the police," he replied. There is little fear felt among leading bridge players, because, of course, they would rather shoot themselves than play the wrong card, but what of the thousands of mediocre players who love a game of bridge but are totally unable to remember how many trumps have been played or whether it is better to lead from a red or black suit? They have always been present at the game, but now they look from their partners, but so far have had no cause to be afraid of

actual physical injury. Many jolly evenings in the local bridge club will now be ruined by the ever present fear that that odious Mrs. Stag-bottle, who never could distinguish between a Jack and a King, will suddenly produce a machine-gun from her ample figure and turn the room into a battlefield.

In a book just published, the daring author lays it down that men are bigger gossips than women, but less spiteful and more boring. That is a well-considered judgment and a sound one. The gossip of the club room, in volume far greater than that of a whole suburb of ten tables, is in a way impersonal and contributed as a matter of history. Therefore it is rarely malicious. Therefore it lacks sparkle. Therefore it becomes as feminine chatter about dress.

Some 4,000 divorce cases are likely to be heard during the coming legal year. The four main causes for this increase are the suppression of publicity, more liberal laws, cheaper costs, and the extension of divorce facilities and procedure to the provinces. Some would add a fifth cause—that the standards of home life are not what they were. Very largely it is because more is expected from both parties to the marriage compact—because, in other words, standards are higher, and not lower—that divorces are more frequent.

At a meeting in London of the National Association of Outfitters, the chairman (Mr. E. W. Collett) said he had been asked whether they could do anything to remove the anomaly of evening dress for guests being identical with that for waiters. Whenever there was a change in evening dress fashions the waiter immediately adopted it and it was a serious thing from a dress point of view that guests could not be distinguished from those who served them. He had been "caught" himself, having greeted the attendant who put out his hand for his hat and coat as someone he thought was an acquaintance. He thought they should confer with other associations in an attempt to secure a distinctive dress for waiters. Councillor Tom Ball remarked that although they were all dressed alike the waiters were all waiters, but the gentlemen were not always gentlemen. He agreed that some distinction in dress was desirable, but emphasised that they did not want social distinction. It was rather to avoid the contempts of guests being mistaken for waiters. Mr. Leonard Lyle suggested that a distinctive type of waistcoat might meet the difficulty. Any other member thought mess jackets might be worn by waiters. On the proposal of the secretary (Captain J. Russell Pickering) it was agreed to ask the Hotel Proprietors Association to co-operate with the outfitters in finding a solution.

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ALFONSO OF SPAIN WOULD BE A MECHANIC.

EXAMPLE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

King Alfonso, who was proclaimed King of Spain the day he was born forty-four years ago, has revealed to a Press correspondent his ideas of the function of a king.

He had just stepped out of his racing motor-car, in which he had travelled from Iran, in northern Spain.

"If I had not been born a king," he said, "I would be working in some large motor-car factory."

"If it could be done, I would like to follow the example of Peter the Great, the Russian Tsar who travelled incognito all over Europe and who did not shrink from taking jobs in Dutch and English shipyards and factories just to become acquainted with the latest developments in shipbuilding and manufacturing. It is a good thing, too, for a king."

"My idea of the kingship is that the monarch must set the example. The idea that a king is a man who lives in a beautiful house surrounded by silk-dressed valets and plumed lackeys, fine soldiers and such sort of people—a kind of touch-me-not—is antiquated."

"A Worker."

"The King is a worker, just like the majority of his people. I am a worker. I was born a monarch, not because I chose it. I have to do my job just like any other man."

"I was in England recently, and noticed the Prince of Wales occupied every day with the unemployment question, and doing his best to help find a solution of the mining situation in Britain."

"If the Prince of Wales is entitled to speak on industrial questions, it is because he has studied the matter from the ground up, and knows so much about the ordinary things of life."

There are always plenty of people who will occupy themselves with diplomacy and foreign relations, and make it their speciality. I am inclined to leave them a free hand, although my job, of course, brings me also in close contact with matters of state.

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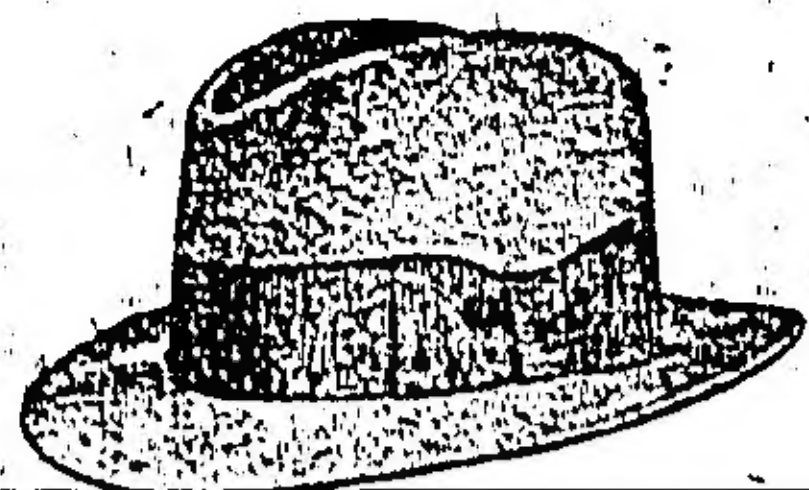
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"By the grafting of the more youthful gland, the body is strengthened and has more energy; more active power to give to the brain. That is the great value of the operation."

Experiments on Animals.

Tall—he stands 8 ft. 2 ins.—handsome, and full of enthusiastic confidence in the future possibilities of his discovery, Dr. Voronoff told a most fascinating story. "You must understand," he said, "that my work is divided into two sections—operations upon human beings and operations upon animals. The public, naturally, is more interested in the rejuvenation of human beings, but the real importance of my work attaches to animals—the re-strengthening and rejuvenation of valuable cattle, the improvement of breeds and so forth."

"Take, as an example, a valuable stud horse. It may be that he is worth from £8,000 to £10,000. He becomes old and feeble. He cannot be put to stud more than three or four times a year, and when he is, the colts are weakly and poor."

"With the gland operation we change this. We take a young and sturdy animal—not necessarily valuable or of good breed—and we graft the gland from him on to the other. The effects are almost immediate. The old horse becomes strong, his muscles firm up, and his breeding powers are not only as good as before, but frequently they are even better."

Never a Failure.

"We have never had a failure, and I myself have conducted thousands of these operations within the past ten or fifteen years. We know for certain that we can add years to the lives of animals in this way."

"Just imagine the economic possibilities of this thing! With valuable sheep, it is nothing for old animals, two years after the operation, to put on 10 kilos more flesh and 750 grams more wool. With cattle it is the same. We put more meat on to their bodies, we lengthen the lives of good stud animals, and in every way we improve and strengthen the breed."

"Now I act for the French Government. I have pupils in every part of the world and much good work has already been done in the French colonies."

"Yet, please understand," Dr. Voronoff continued earnestly, "that I do not work for France alone. I am working for all humanity, for all the world. It is a pleasure to me to pass on my knowledge."

Human Experiments.

"What measure of success have you had with human beings?" Dr. Voronoff was asked. "That is hard to say," was the reply. "You see, we have been conducting these experiments only for ten years. We cannot say for certain that we have added to length of life, yet the indications point that way. In another ten years—yes, then we shall know."

"Have any of your patients died since this operation was performed upon them?" "Ah!" was the reply. "That is significant. I myself have conducted thousands of these operations. Thousands more have been conducted by my pupils in different parts of the world. Yet, to my knowledge, all the patients are still alive, though many were old men at the time."

"Old men become younger and stronger. Men of 65 look little more than 40 years of age. Their bodies expand, physically they become stronger. You see them in the streets, and they walk upright and with a swing."

"Their mental powers are improved. Their minds are keener, they think better and they work better."

We Cannot Defy Death.

"Of course," remarked Dr. Voronoff with a smile, "we cannot defy death for ever. But I am certain we can prolong life for very many years—and prolong life healthily, so that it may be worth living."

"There is one point I am very anxious to stress," Dr. Voronoff added, "and that is the effect of this operation is not just

FILM "ROYALTY" SAY FAREWELL.

"DOUG" AND "MARY" MAY COME AGAIN.

HONG KONG "SIMPLY, PERFECTLY, WONDERFUL"

[By F.M.A.]

"Doug" and "Mary," the uncrowned king and queen of Hollywood, have left after paying a flying visit to the Colony, and to use their own words, have taken away with them, "the pleasantest memories of a nice little town."

"Doug" was leaning over the rails on the deck of the Rajputana when I went on board to see him, and he was looking a trifle tired as he greeted me with a cheery "Hello."

"We have had a wonderful time," he said. "Last night we went around to see your town and saw a Chinese play; it was good."

"Well, Mr. Fairbanks," I said, "now that you have had a look round, will you tell me what you think of this place?"

"It's perfectly marvellous," said "Doug." "I saw a beautiful sunset from the top," he added, pointing to the Peak, "and it was simply gorgeous. I reckon Hong Kong is one of the prettiest places I have seen."

He looked rather thoughtful and then, "Of course I have seen some delightful places in my travels. San Sebastian, the Grand Canyon and the Fjords of Norway—they are all lovely places, but this little island here has a charm of her own. Your wonderful harbour is indeed the prettiest I have ever seen, and as I was coming back by the first ferry boat early this morning (there was a suspicion of a smile in those clear eyes of his) I was charmed with one of the best sunrise scenes I ever cast my eyes upon. Hong Kong is indeed the Gem of the Orient, and I am looking forward to another visit to this port. Possibly I'll come again next year, but I am not certain... it all depends on how things go when I get back home."

A Charming Personality.

"Doug" as he is affectionately called by those who know him and also by the thousands who do not, is a most charming personality. He shows a keen interest in things Chinese and in his opinion the Chinese people have a wonderful knowledge of "colour." In speaking of his trip, he mentioned that about three months ago he had dinner with the Prince of Wales in London, and found the Prince a "charming fellow." "He is always so wonderfully calm and cool... and by jove, what a host!"

It was at this stage of our conversation that our attention was attracted by cries of "There she is" and "Oh, how sweet," etc., and looking over the rails, we found that the centre of attraction was "Mary," who had just returned after a shopping expedition.

"I've bought some souvenirs of our brief visit to this place, and I am feeling just a little sad that we have to leave so soon." Then, with a smile she said, "We'll come back again some day though, and then we shall arrange to stay longer."

"What are your impressions of Hong Kong, Mrs. Fairbanks?" I ventured.

"Oh, simply, perfectly wonderful. There, I can't say more, can I?" and with one of her fascinating smiles, she made a rush for her cabin. Turning round, I saw the cause of her sudden exit—the boat was swarmed with autograph hunters!

Both "Doug" and "Mary" were very generous with their autographs, and at one time it appeared that they would never get through, so great was the demand. Cries of "Friends, ashore, please" were disregarded and what the stewardess thought of those persistent film fans who simply refused to budge till they got the autographs of Hollywood's "Royalty," is better left unsaid. As it was, when the good ship Rajputana left her berth, hundreds of disappointed faces were looking wistfully up towards the deck, wondering perhaps, whether they will ever get the autographs of the world's two best known film stars, "Doug" and "Mary."

"Unfortunately, I have not had the time to devote to this work. One day I hope it will be possible, but now it is as much as I can do to go ahead with my economic work dealing with the improvement of cattle. I have visited many countries for this purpose."

"Even here in Ceylon, where I am ostensibly on holiday, I work. I am to give a lecture to your British Medical Society here."

"I no longer belong to myself. When I go, I must work, I must teach. I must explain. I enjoy doing it. I want my system to become known because I believe that it will do such good things for humanity at large."

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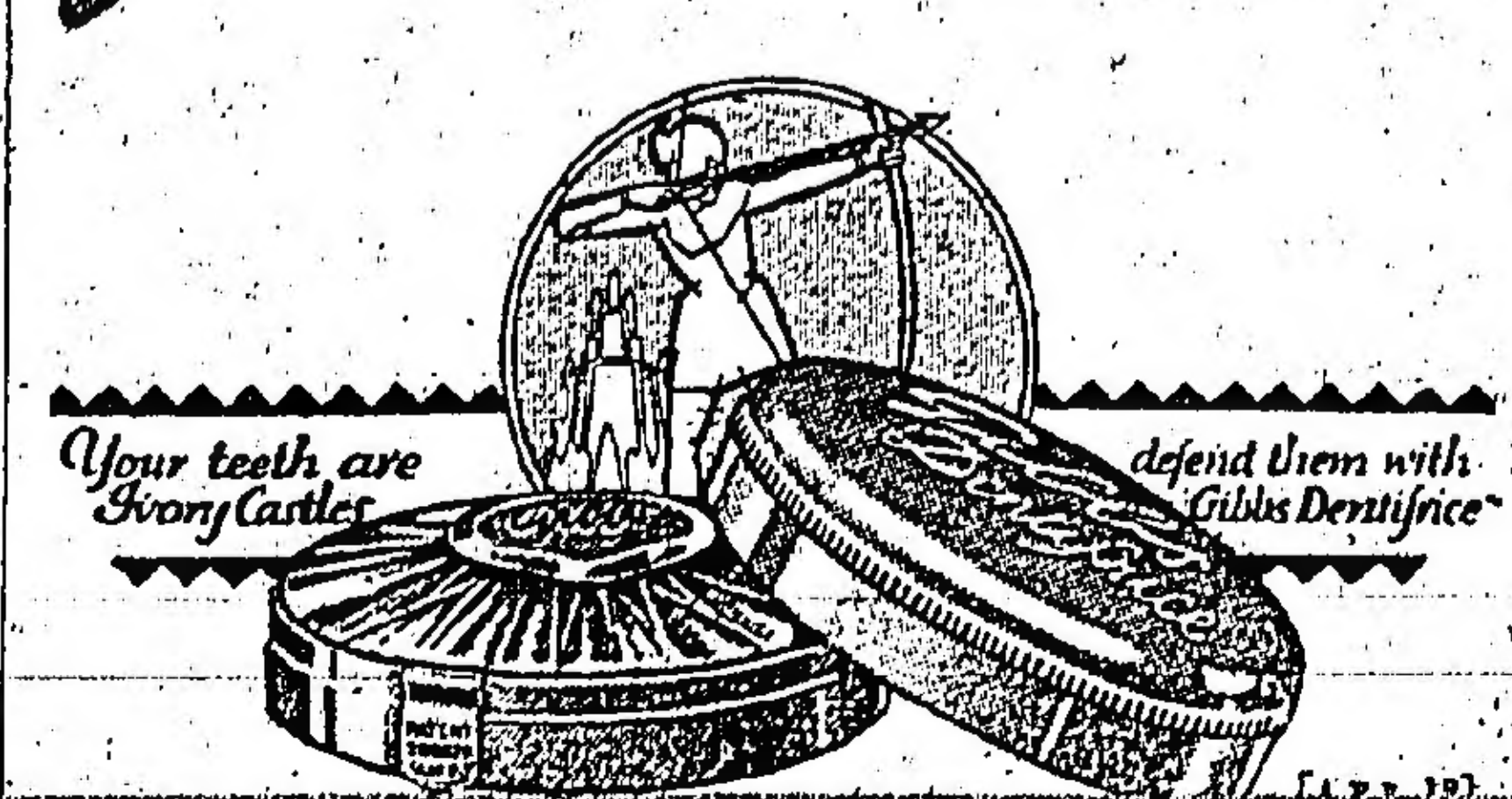
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THREAT FROM THE NORTH.**"IRONSIDES" RAPID ADVANCE.****BATTLE EXPECTED AT KWANTIN.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 6. "Ironsides" are now less than 20 miles from Canton, having successively captured Ching Yuen, Yuen Tam, and Ngan Chan Au, all important points along the Canton-Hankow Railway. They are now approaching Kwan Tin, a strongly fortified town along the railway. The Cantonese troops under Divisional Commander Yu Han Mow are in full retreat, and being hotly pursued by the enemy. They will, however, attempt to make a stand at Kwan Tin. It is said that some 20,000 "Ironsides" are taking part in this drive.

The fall of these strategic points in the northern part of the North River sector is regarded in local official circles with alarm. The Field Headquarters of the 8th Military Route are being transferred from Canton to Sun Kai, a little below Kwan Tin, to facilitate operations. Wong In Wan, Chief of Staff to General Chen Tsai Tong, left Canton for Sun Kai this morning. Some thousands of Nanking troops are being rushed up to Kwan Tin by the Canton-Hankow Railway. The writer saw these Northern troops marching through Sai Tsuen Railway station, and on along the railway track which showed that no rolling stock was available at the time. With the arrival of these Nanking reinforcements, a "battle" is expected in Kwan Tin, the fall of which would probably mean the fall of Canton.

The "Ironsides" and Kwangsi troops are also meeting with some measure of success in the vicinity of Tai Tong and Lo Bow on the North River. It is reported that they have taken Tai Tong and are heading eastward, where they are being checked for the moment. All trees and bushes on the east side of the river have been cut down by order of General Chen Tsai Tong, so as to afford no cover against the Canton air-men.

"IRONSIDE" REVERSE AT SAMSHUI.

The "Ironsides" and Kwangsi troops operating on the lower reaches of the North River near Samshui are reported to have suffered a reverse, being driven back towards Kwangsi. The Cantonese forces, aided by gunboats, were much more effective than elsewhere. Also the defenses on the lower reaches of the river have been better prepared. Hundreds of Kwangsi troops have been drowned while trying to cross the river. The bodies of these soldiers are being washed down to Samshui, and the garrison there has made an offer of \$20 to the floating population for each rifle or automatic recovered from dead bodies. It is said that some have made several hundred dollars a day on this job as on most of the dead bodies pistols were found.

General Ho Ying Chien has today launched an offensive against the invaders. Defensive tactics have been abandoned in view of the timely arrival of Nanking reinforcements. The crisis of the war is expected within the next two or three days.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, in a cablegram to Canton, has offered \$50,000 for Chang Fat Fui, dead or alive. The message added that all officers of the "Ironsides" will be promoted, one grade in military rank, on deserting Chang and joining the Central Government. Any ordinary soldier so doing will receive a full month's pay. Each rifle or automatic turned over will be further rewarded with \$20; and each field gun with \$1000. Handbills embodying the Generalissimo's offer are being printed for distribution among the "Ironsides" by means of aeroplanes.

GUNBOATS FROM NANKING.**ARRIVED AT WHAMPOA.**

(Fah Taz Fat Pao.)

CANTON, Dec. 6. Three more Nanking gunboats, the Yungchen, Chungshu, and Pingching arrived at Whampoa yesterday morning.

NO CHANGE AT SAMSHUI.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SAMSHUI, Dec. 5. The situation at Samshui is unchanged. Some bombs were reported to have been dropped upon North River this morning. The situation at Canton is quiet at present.

CANTON PAPER SUPPRESSED.**PUBLISHERS UNWELCOME APPEAL FOR PEACE.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 6.

The *Tai Chung Pao*, a leading vernacular newspaper in Canton, has been ordered to suspend publication by the Police Commissioner, Mr. Au Yang Kai. Nothing has been said as to when it will be allowed to re-appear. The Police Commissioner merely sent his edict to the Police sergeant of the district in which the newspaper office is situated. The charge against the *Tai Chung Pao* was publishing a report about military matters which was untrue. This is taken to mean a cablegram from Shanghai giving a circular by General Shih Yu San of Pukow, pleading for peace among the warring factions. The General was a close adherent of Feng Yu Hsiang, but turned over to Nanking. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek ordered him to leave Pukow for Canton but his troops mutinied and looted Pukow. All this added materially to the depression of Canton, and the publication of the circular was not approved locally.

The *Tai Chung Pao* has assumed the name of *Tai Wah Pao*, and is appearing to-day under that title.

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY.**25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 6.

Lingnan University is to-day celebrating its 25th anniversary and the festivities go on to-morrow (Saturday). Both days have been declared holidays and an elaborate programme including speeches, a game of football between the Lingnan University and the Hong Kong Chung Wah Team, plays and a banquet has been arranged. All friends of the University irrespective of nationality, are cordially invited.

The invitation cards state that, since its founding 25 years ago, the University has passed over 3,000 graduates who are doing active work all over China and abroad. From a very small beginning the University now has over a thousand pupils, and among the newest buildings added are the Science Hall and the Agricultural Hall. The latter which was built entirely from money contributed by Chinese will be opened. Among the contributors was Mr. Lum Woo, the well-known contractor of Hong Kong, Mr. Ma Ying Piu, manager of the Hong Kong Sincere Co., and Mr. Chow Ting Pong, Canton capitalist. These gentlemen each gave \$10,000 to the project.

A large number of friends of the University have come up from Hong Kong and Macao for the occasion and a football match will be played to-morrow afternoon on the new athletic field.

HONG KONG FOOTBALLERS IN CANTON.**BEAT SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 6.

The Hong Kong Chung Wah Football team came up to Canton this week to play a series of matches with local teams. On Thursday, Chung Wah played the Sun Yat Sen University before some 5,000 enthusiastic spectators, mostly students. The game was hard fought, from start to finish, and the Hong Kong side managed to win by two goals to one. At half time the score stood 1-0 in favour of Hong Kong. During the second half the local side levelled. But Chung Wah came back and netted a further goal.

The visitors will tackle the Lingnan University team on Saturday afternoon on the latter's new field at Honglok. The Chung Wah team will be as follows:—Wong Sik Ping; Wong Wing Ning and Lau Kwok Chiu; Chen Man Hing, Lai Tung Tsai and Siao Ting Kwong; Ng Lu Hing, Hui Kim Hung, Cheung Koon Sang, Lee Ping Pooi, and Lee Hong Hing, and in goal, Woon.

CORRESPONDENCE.**THE QUESTION OF RENTS.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Your correspondent "Common Sense" raises a cry in your columns against rent reduction in the Colony without a clear perception of the facts involved in the issue.

So far as can be gathered from the manifesto issued by the Rent Problem Committee recently, it is obviously not the intention of the Committee to approach the local Government to introduce legislation for the purpose of curtailing rents, so much as it is with the specific object of forming a Committee to ascertain how far the present rental affects business in general.

According to the consensus of opinion among merchants in the business centres of Hong Kong, rent does at the moment constitute the biggest item in overhead expenditure, the primary cause for which is traceable largely to crafty and relentless speculators in properties. True enough, property-owners are entitled to a legitimate return for their investments, but certainly not an unearned increment out of all proportion to the detriment of the merchants, more especially in time of service trade depression like the present. In a period of prosperity, the Colony may not mind disproportionate profiteering so much; but during abnormal depression, merchants and shopkeepers feel the slightest pinch and twist in the hands of merciless landlords.

Coming now to the question of supply and demand, on which your correspondent "Common Sense" appears to lay so much stress. But the adverse is also true, in that speculative landlords time and again take advantage of the demand for shop-premises in certain business centres to exploit tenants for high rental. Was it not a fact that before the crises of 1925 there was wholesale and blatant speculation of properties in Hong Kong, which brought on the disastrous situation and setback to trade in the Colony?

Then, too, from investigations made, it has been found that there are landlords who have made it a practice to acquire properties in busy centres with the avowed object of raising rentals for sheer speculation. It is this malpractice that has inflicted hardship again and again on old-established shopkeepers. This sort of speculation was of course even more acute during the pre-strike and boycott crises of 1925, so much so that speculative landlords went the lengths, in a frenzy of speculation, of taking first, second, and third mortgages on their properties. To some extent the debacle in 1925 and its aftermath may be attributed to such form of over-speculation.

Incidentally, it may be pointed out that not so long ago, there was a movement afoot in Tokyo for the voluntary reduction of rentals, the definite objective of which, if the writer understands the situation right, was to enable the merchant class as a whole to compete more effectively in foreign markets. Let us not forget that Hong Kong is a distributing centre, and high rent means high labour, and labour tends to divert local trade to other channels.

Putting the issue in a nutshell, it is the express intention of the Rent Problem Committee (1) to approach the local Government to reassess all properties in Hong Kong, with a view to eliminating abuses and to put a stop to high rent that is not commensurate with taxes paid to the Government. That alone is a grave injustice to the tenants. Rent should be paid according to rate of property value, and (2) the Committee makes a strong appeal to the Government to take into consideration the question of one month's notice given to the tenants to quit premises. Taking into account the present hard times, a month's notice is rather short and something should be done to allow an extension of time.—Yours, etc.,

A SUPPORTER OF THE RENT PROBLEM COMMITTEE.

Hong Kong, December 6.

SHAREHOLDERS GRIEVANCES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I have read with much interest the correspondence which has appeared apropos the Hong Kong Development, Building, and Savings Society, and fully endorse the grievance of "A Victim."

Investigations so far made seem to reveal much injustice to shareholders, and I suggest they get together to question the right of the Directors to do as they have done. Some of us have suffered sufficiently and severely in this Colony over the queer proceedings of certain public companies.—Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, December 6.

FORGED BANKNOTE PROSECUTION.**COUNSEL'S SUGGESTIONS OF ASSAULT DENIED BY POLICE WITNESS.****"JUST WAITING" OR "THIRD DEGREE"?**

Suggestions that the defendant was "manhandled" in the detective office prior to his making a statement in answer to the charges against him were made by Counsel in the case in which a shop, *fokt*, Cheung Ching San, of the Lee Fung Hang firm, was charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with being in possession of and uttering six \$100 forged banknotes of the Chartered Bank.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios appeared for the defence. Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, represented the Shiu On Wing firm, to whom the forged notes were alleged to have been passed. Mr. M. M. Watson watched the proceedings in the interests of the Lee Fung Hang firm, where the defendant was employed.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE DETECTIVE ROOM.

At the hearing yesterday, the manager of the Shiu On Wing firm corroborated the statements made by former witnesses as to the incidents at his shop prior to the arrival of the District Watchman, which eventually led to the matter going before the authorities.

Inspector John Murphy, giving evidence stated that he was on duty in the Charge Room on November 4. At about 4 or 5 p.m. a number of people came into the charge room in connection with the forged banknotes. Witness sent for Cheong Kee, the money changer, who in course announced that the notes were genuine, and, after a Chinese detective had copied the numbers of notes, the defendant was released.

Cheong Kee the Infallible!

Mr. d'Almada (cross-examining): Whenever you have dealings with banknotes, you invariably send for Cheong Kee?—Yes, he is presumed to be an expert.

And he is usually infallible?—Usually, yes.

On this occasion for how long did he examine these notes?—About five minutes. He had a good look at each note.

He had no doubt they were genuine?—He was quite sure they were genuine.

You then handed the notes back to someone?—Yes.

As a matter of routine you had the number of the notes taken?—I instructed a Chinese detective to take them.

Did you tell him to get the defendant to sign the list?—No.

Do you know whether he was asked to sign it?—I don't think he was.

Is not that the normal procedure?—No. The numbers were for the information of the Police. It was not like a statement.

But it would be rather awkward if a man denied that the numbers were the numbers in question?—You would then have the Police evidence that they were!

That also is infallible! Did you hear the defendant say that the notes did not belong to him?—He made some statements in the dock, but we did not take them down when the notes were pronounced genuine.

Did you take his name and address?—Yes.

Money Changer's Admission.

An accountant of the Cheong Kee firm, the money-changers, giving evidence, said that on November 4, he examined six \$100 notes on the Chartered Bank and declared them to be genuine. He knew now that they were forgeries.

Answering Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he usually paid particular attention to Chartered Bank notes since it was known that there were forgeries in the market and since some firms and even banks were reluctant to accept the notes.

Witness declared that the notes in the case were extraordinarily good forgeries.

Mr. d'Almada: At the Central Police Station did you hear the Inspector instruct a Chinese detective to copy the numbers?—No. I did not hear the instruction, but I noticed that the numbers were being copied by a Chinese detective.

Did you hear anyone ask the defendant to sign?—No.

Did you hear the defendant say he would not sign because the notes had nothing to do with him?—No.

Question of Assault.

A Chinese detective then went into the witness box. He said that he fetched Cheong Kee on November 4, on the instructions of the Inspector. He made a note of the number on the notes at the time and gave the note to his Worship. He saw defendant again on November 5 at the detective office.

Mr. d'Almada: Were you present when the defendant made a statement in answer to the charges?—Yes.

Did you see, either then or at the time he signed the list, the defendant?—No.

Mr. d'Almada (cross-examining): On the 4th when you made the list of numbers, did you ask the defendant to sign it?—No.

Is it your duty to ask him to sign such a list?—As my Inspector had given me no instructions I did not ask him.

I put it to you that you did ask the defendant to sign the list?—No.

Did anyone see you make this list?—Yes. I made the list in the presence of the interpreter and the money changer.

Was anyone supervising you?—The interpreter was present.

On the 5th. At what time did you see the defendant?—About 4 p.m. I saw him in the detective office. District watchman 94 was present.

Who was the Inspector in charge on that day?—I think it was Inspector Shannon.

Was he present?—No. The detective office is on the first floor above the charge room.

How long were you in that room together?—About an hour or a little more. The defendant was there already when I arrived.

Witness went on to explain that he only saw defendant for a few moments before he went to fetch Sgt. Kennedy.

The defendant was handcuffed, I suppose, in the detective office?—Yes, he was.

How was he sitting or standing?—He was sitting on a sort of stool.

Ninety Minutes' Examination.

Witness continued said that the defendant was taken from the detective office to 92, Queen's Road West. They had been one and a half hours in the detective office before that.

Mr. d'Almada: What were you doing all this time in the detective office?—Sgt. Kennedy was interrogating the man. The defendant told us not to go so early to look for this party in Queen's Road West as the man would not be there.

What was Sgt. Kennedy asking that took over an hour and a half?—We did not spend an hour and a half questioning him. We were waiting most of the time.

During all this time, defendant was handcuffed and sat quite still?—He was not handcuffed then.

Were the two complainants present during the whole of the hour and half?—I only saw one. He was loitering about.

Did he go to Queen's Road West?—No.

During that hour and half, did anyone handle the defendant?—No.

How was Sgt. Kennedy questioning the defendant, directly or through an interpreter?—Some times directly and some times through an interpreter.

Which dialect did Sgt. Kennedy use?—Cantonese.

And the interpreter?—Cantonese. You were present the whole time?—Yes.

Are you sure you did not strike the defendant?—I did not.

Did you slap him?—No. I was only there to see that he did not run away.

Before Sgt. Kennedy arrived, did you strike him?—No.

A Ruler Used?

Is there a desk at the detective office?—Four or five.

There are rulers on the desks, aren't there?—I cannot say, the desks are not mine.

Did you hold a ruler at all on the afternoon of the 5th?—No.

I put it to you that you struck the defendant across the knees with a ruler?—No.

Did you see anyone else strike him?—No.

Did any other detective speak to him?—Yes, a Hoklo detective, spoke to him.

Did he manhandle the defendant?—No, I did not see that.

Before Sgt. Kennedy arrived, did you ask the defendant any question?—No.

For how long did Sgt. Kennedy question the defendant?—About ten or fifteen minutes.

And for the rest of the time you sat down and did nothing?—We were just waiting.

Was Inspector Shannon present?—No.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

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NOTICE.

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H. E. ARNOLD, S. M. EDWARDS, Trustees, PEACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, Council Chamber, Shanghai, December 3, 1929. [8732]

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THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1929, commencing at 2 p.m.

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. The Charges for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.

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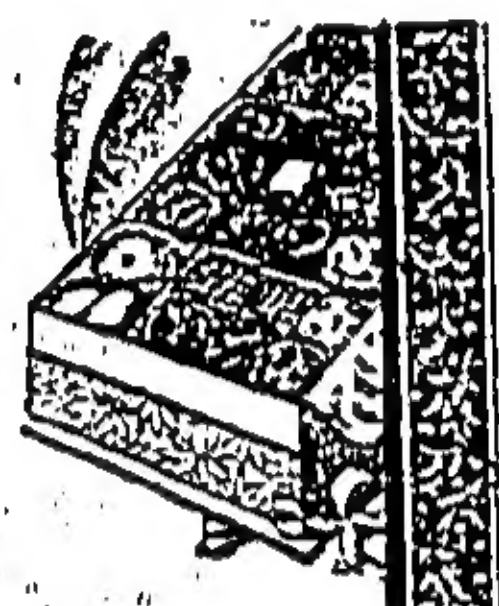


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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 3.35 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone remains central over the Sea of Japan. The depression has crossed the Visayas, it is moving W. or W.N.W. and may develop into a typhoon in the China Sea. Fresh monsoon will prevail over the China Sea.

Local Forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

TYPHOON WARNING.

A message from Manila last evening states that a typhoon was formed at 6.45 p.m. on December 6 in about longitude 123 deg., latitude 10 deg. east, moving west.

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THE PRESS AND THE WAR.

DURING the present campaign between the pro-Nanking armies of Kwangtung and the "Ironside," Kwangsi coalition several complaints have been made by Canton officials, personally, and also through the medium of their official news agency, about items of war news published in Hong Kong papers. It has even been suggested that the English newspapers in Hong Kong have been animated by hostility towards the present Government of Canton. We can safely say that no such feelings are entertained either by the English Press of this Colony or any section of the British community. The Government, over which General CHEN MING SHU presides, has continued Marshal LI TSUI HSIN's policy of steady friendship with this Colony, and the administrative co-operation and excellent personal relations existing between the officials of the two Governments have been continuous. But it is an axiom of British policy to recognise the *de facto* Government of China or any other country. This is, of course, the only possible basis of regular relationship between foreign Powers. Should the present regime, either in Canton or Nanking, be replaced, we should certainly regret the departure of proved friends, but a similar friendship would be extended to those who had taken over the reins of Government and every effort made to maintain the present cordial relationship.

We fully recognise the problems which arise in presenting news in time of war. Two interests are bound to be, to some degree, in conflict. The newspapers of Hong Kong aim at stating the facts relating to the course of hostilities. The duty of the Canton Government is to win the war. "The essence of war is surprise," and in any campaign secrecy of movement and deception of the enemy are matters of paramount importance. Manipulation of the Press is a recognised adjunct of modern strategy. The Press, both neutral and belligerent, is thus placed in an extremely difficult position. The problem arose during the Franco-Prussian war, when for the first time British war correspondents, hardened in the Empire's little wars, followed European armies, and from their knowledge of the subject of war were able to present an accurate picture of the respective armies and their movements to their readers. The German High Command soon realised the possibilities, and an official staff in London kept G.H.Q. and the British papers were saying. The French counter-attack under General MacMahon was defeated as much by German strategic insight. Coming to more recent times, we all recollect the strict censorship established by the belligerents engaged in the Great War, and especially do we recall that gallant veteran who excised "the Captains and the Kings depart" from a special correspondent's burst of rhetoric, because the instructions of the War Department clearly laid down that "all references to the movements of Royalty are to be suppressed."

Regarding the present struggle in South China, which is of necessity of great moment to many interests in Hong Kong, a mixed mass of real news and misinformation pours every day into newspaper offices. In our own case it includes the deductions and personal observations of a careful and conscientious special correspondent in Canton, news translated from Chinese papers published here and in Canton, official *communiqués*, which are of necessity cautious, and incomplete as those issued from our own G.H.Q. in the Great War, and much obvious propaganda from both sides. These reports are carefully sifted and checked so far as any verification is possible, and then published, the source of the information being stated. Readers are left to estimate the situation according to their own knowledge of what is going on now and has gone on before in similar contests of this sort. Similar steps no doubt are taken in other newspaper offices to ensure, so far as is possible, that readers are kept accurately informed of the progress of events.

Rumour is the shadow of war, sometimes pale and shapeless, often grotesque, magnified and distorted. But it is very doubtful if the complete suppression of rumour is in the best interests of an army and its leaders. We all know how rumour spreads in the East and especially in a great city like Canton. There is much to be said for publishing what "everyone is saying" and having it denied or explained officially. The awful example of 1870, however, won military officialdom the world over to a permanent "hush hush" policy, sometimes justifiable, but more often ridiculous. Two reports were particularly resented by the Canton Government—one to the effect that Canton might fall, and the other that there had been trouble with the Navy. The former statement appeared about the time of the general defection of the big Kwangsi army, and the Provincial Government, to the Anti-Nanking cause. Great stress had been laid on the strength of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi coalition against the "Ironside," and the obvious deduction following the change of allegiance has been fully justified. Huge reinforcements have been sent down from Nanking, and the defenders of Canton have made their stand only some thirty miles from the city. General CHEN TSUI TONG has undoubtedly conducted both the present campaign and the previous one against the "Kwangsi clique" with very great skill and coolness. The invaders in this case have not shown the rapidity and boldness of PEI CHING HSI, though it can be said that conditions have been against an advance on the same lines. But the course of both wars has suggested, at every move, a hard-pressed defence holding on for reinforcements.

The indignation expressed by Admiral CHEN CHAK and his subordinates at the reported defection of a part of the flotilla is understandable. But the fact remains that such rumours were current in Canton and in Hong Kong, and found their way into the Chinese Press. They were not invented by British journalists. In view of the naval crisis in the last struggle, it was inevitable that such reports should arise. And the public knows perfectly well that, true or false, any commander in Admiral CHEN CHAK's position would issue a prompt and unequivocal denial of any such incidents. To the foreign observer the present civil war, North and South, is a ghastly tragedy. The rights and wrongs we do not know, for each side denounces the other with the plausibility and rhetoric common to the proclamations of combatants in every war that has ever been fought. We only know that on the one side CHIANG KAI SHEK led his armies from Canton to Peking, that he returned out Borodin and his fellow Bolsheviks, that he has been a friendly and moderating influence for the past two years. We know, too, that General WONG SHU HUNG and his administrative staff in Kwangsi, and so the list could be extended.

There is no lack of genuine ability among China's leaders, and if they would cease fighting between themselves the reorganising and modernising of China, which they and the whole world desire could be accomplished in an astonishingly short space of time. But the fact evidently needs to be put upon record that British newspapers in this Colony are not engaged in any campaign for or against the rival factions. They have the most difficult task of trying to separate the true from the false in the mass of amazing contradictions offered to them in the shape of news. If, now and again, any paper may be misled into regarding too seriously a rumour which proves eventually to be untrue, our Chinese friends should remember the immense difficulties under which journalists have to work. They should also bear in mind the impossibility of knowing whether any given report is true or false unless the credibility of the informant is positively established by personal knowledge. The British newspapers in this Colony have no axe to grind in presenting to their readers an account of current events in South China, and it is to be hoped the Canton authorities will come to realise that fact. There is no fabrication of "news" indulged in by British journalists in Hong Kong, nor any wilful perversion of facts. If we are not to be credited with having given an accurate account of recent events, we must not be charged with having deliberately distorted them. If there has been misrepresentation of facts, then the source of that misinformation must be sought much further up the Pearl River than the Colony of Hong Kong.

News and Views.

One European case of typhoid was reported on Thursday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 23 amounted to 105,434 tons, and the sales during the period to 78,823 tons.

The forthcoming wedding is announced between Mr. Eduardo Augusto Mattos, of 721, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and Miss Luiza Maria Lai, of 3, Shelley Street, Hong Kong.

In an article appearing on page 2 the Chief Scout writes on the subject of Clubs, and gives some good advice to Boy Scouts as to the manner of Club they should have for themselves.

A pork dealer of 102, Wellington Street, dealing in a stone's throw of the Central Police Station, was attacked at about 10 p.m. on Thursday night by two armed men carrying revolvers. They bound and gagged him and ransacked the shop, stealing nearly \$400 in money and jewellery. It was some time before he could release himself and summons help.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., C.B.E., left for Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. Rajputana, being accompanied by Sir Peter Grain, who was a passenger by the same vessel after a holiday in England. It is understood that the Chief Justice will be away for about a fortnight and that while in Shanghai he will sit with Sir Peter Grain at the Appeal Court.

Ha Wang Yam, a married woman, who died at St. Paul's Hospital in May last, left estate in Hong Kong worth \$9,000. Shortly before her death she made a will leaving everything to Ha Lee Fu, of 2, Yue On Terrace, second floor, her husband's elder brother. The latter had been granted probate. Chan Siu Yung, another married woman, late of 5, D'Aguilar Street, left \$9,100. The money is left to her husband, Tit Hing, of 55, Leighton Hill Road, who has been granted letters of administration.

The *Shunpo* says that pirates under Pan Kai Chu, who was arrested and executed by Government troops in Nantunghow a couple of months ago, are again creating havoc among the people at the mouth of the Yangtze. On November 30, it is said, about 700 pirates landed from more than 30 junks at the Huihan, Sanshing, and Chuanlung villages respectively, and looted them, killing a number of farmers. The Wosung Water Police have again been appealed to to suppress the marauders.

Among the passengers on board the Empress of Asia due to arrive at Hong Kong on December 12, are Miss J. Ho Tung, Mrs. A. K. Buxton, and Mr. Karl K. Kitcher of the New York World.

The local office of the N.Y.K. states that the m.v. Asama Maru will again be open to the public, to-morrow (Sunday) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sing-song girls of the Shanghai French Concession have formed a mutual welfare association, to deal with cases in which their members are ill-treated.

Judicial Methods in Shantung.

The *Chefoo Daily News* reports that a visitor from Shantung informed them that in that district, at Chinkochwang, there were two brothers named Yu, whose conduct was decidedly bad. The narrative continued: Villagers took them in hand and killed both of them together. Owing to the villagers' threats, the mother of the victims dare not say a word against the murderers. But after the burial, she, with members of her clan went to the magistrate and accused the villagers. We hear that he has sent for those who actually committed the deed, and also for others, on whom suspicion lies of being implicated in the matter. The story is a little involved, but, perhaps, as data showing the judicial progress of China, it is of value.

Distinguished Freacher Coming.

Canon B. H. Streeter, D.D., Fellow of the British Academy, one of Oxford's outstanding scholars, and an author on religious subjects, with an international reputation, is due to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday, December 12. On that date at 5.15 he hopes to lecture at the Hong Kong University on "International Questions rising out of the Pacific Conference," and the meeting is open to the general public. Next Friday at 5.15 p.m. it is hoped that he will address an open meeting at the Cathedral Hall on "God, Pain & Immortality," and at 8.30 a meeting for students at St. John's Hall. On Saturday he proceeds to Canton, returning on the following Friday to conduct a Conference from 4 to 6.30 for Ministers of Religion and Educationalists at the Cathedral Hall. He leaves for England the following day. Canon Streeter originally proposed to spend a longer time in Hong Kong, but on account of illness has had to alter his plans. A cable from Canon Streeter is being awaited to confirm the above arrangements.

A Baseless Rumour.

The Manager of the Hong Kong branch of The National City Bank of New York informs us that rumours emanating from Russia on newspapers published in Tientsin on November 5 and republished in Harbin newspapers have led to a run upon the bank's branch in that city. In this connection the following telegram has been received from New York: "All unfavourable rumours regarding The National City Bank of New York are wholly without foundation. The National City Bank of New York was never in a stronger or more liquid position than now. During the recent strain on the financial structure the bank was always over 50 per cent. liquid, and was in a position to render great assistance to the business community. The National City Bank of New York as a member of the Federal Reserve System is subject to inspection. There has been one such check-up by authorities." It is clear from the last paragraph that there can be no question as to the standing of The National City Bank of New York.

Inland Navigation.

Quite a serious view is taken by the *Central China Post* of the demand that Japan's rights of navigation in Chinese waters should be abolished. The Hankow paper says: "Navigation on the Yangtze cannot be abolished so easily as the various Kuomintang committees who are agitating for it suppose. Practically all the major Powers, have interests in which navigation is concerned, and the withdrawal of this privilege from one Power, if the attempt were made to put it into practice, might be beneficial, inasmuch as it would be a further lesson to the Powers of the results of the folly of breaking that indispensable unity of action where China is concerned. The lessons of the past three years have all been the same. They have taught that unity on the part of the Powers is the first essential in dealing with China. Without it foreign prestige has ceased to exist, and if China persists in abolition by unilateral action, China herself will sink to the level of an uncivilized people where international relations are in question. Such a condition of affairs has never been impossible had unity among the Powers been maintained."

THE LATE CAPT. EDWARD MIDGLEY.

WILL PROVED IN SUPREME COURT.

The late Capt. Edward Midgley, whose home address is given as Bickenhead, left estate in Hong Kong worth \$3,000. Probate of will has been granted to Miss Maude

Elizabeth White, of 8, Seaview, Wanchai Gap Road, the executrix of estate in Hong Kong.

Testator leaves everything where-soever situated to Miss Rose Emily White, of the same address as the executrix.

Capt. Midgley was master of the s.s. Tat Lee and died in hospital at Hong Kong on August 4 this year.

PROPERTY SALES.

SITE IN ICE HOUSE STREET CHANGES HANDS.

A price of \$45 per square foot was paid recently for the site on Ice House Street which at present houses Messrs. William Powell's, the Sharebrokers' Association and the Clover flower shop. Mr. J. E. Joseph was the buyer the sellers being a Chinese party which had only last year acquired the site at \$40 per square foot.

A large area on the Reclamation at Wanchai, which belonged to the late Mr. Lee Hysan has been purchased by the Spanish Dominican Procuration. There are over 18,000 square feet on the site and the price paid, it is understood, is \$7.50 per square foot.

ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

READERS are reminded that inquiries relating to the share market are answered on page 10 every Tuesday by "Kufan." Letters should be sent to this office, and must be accompanied by writer's name and address, not for publication. Letters should be addressed to "Kufan," care of the Editor.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Local fire-insurance offices will be closed to-morrow (Thursday) and Friday, the 6th and 8th instant, from 1 p.m. in order that their employees may have the opportunity of spending the afternoons at the Regatta.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 7, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The despatch from Lord Carnarvon, published in another column, will be read with interest by the whole community, and cannot fail to give considerable satisfaction, as it plainly shows the hasty measures with regard to criminals adopted by His Excellency the Governor did not meet with that entire approbation from the Colonial Office as the community has hitherto been induced to believe. Coming to the question of deportation, Lord Carnarvon speaks with no uncertainty. He says:—"With reference to the question of deportation, I see no reason at present for any alteration of the law, especially as regards the expatriation of mendicants. It is impossible that the Colony should be allowed to become a large almshouse for the Kwangtung province, and the best methods of disposing of the hundreds of mendicants who appear to come over every year is to send them back to the mainland from which they come." This is precisely the view taken by the colonists here, and reiterated over and over again in these columns. The question has been discussed so often that it is needless to go into it now. Suffice it to say that His Excellency the Governor would have saved much warm discussion, and been able to act with more discretion, had he listened to the advice of those whose long experience entitled them to speak with authority. But his zeal to inaugurate reforms carried him away and rendered him deaf to advice, oblivious to public disapproval.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, 7, 1879.

SINO-SOVIET REPLIES.**LITVINOFF SPEAKS OUT.****CHINA INDEBTED TO FRANCE.****[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has expressed the opinion that as far as the United States is concerned, the Sino-Russian affair is closed.

He says the efforts of the United States, combined with those of other Powers, to arrest hostilities have been successful, and thinks the hopes for peace are bright.

"A Peaceful Attitude."**LONDON, Dec. 5.**

The British Government has received the Chinese reply and a summary of the Soviet reply to the memoranda sent to these two Governments calling their attention to the terms of the Paris Pact, of which they are among the signatories, and its application to the Manchurian situation.

The Chinese telegram declares that the National Government has maintained a peaceful attitude and has refrained from any hostile military action, except for the purposes of self-protection, and recalls that last August it circulated to the signatories of the Pact a statement of Chinese intentions together with an expression of its readiness to negotiate with the Soviet Government.

The summary of the Soviet reply to the British memorandum declares the Soviet policy to be peaceful and the Nanking policy provocative, and states that the measures taken by the Red army are entirely in self-defence and not a breach of the Paris Agreement.

The reply disputes the right of any group of States to act as guardian of the Pact, and says the conflict can only be ended by direct negotiations on conditions which China is acquainted and no outside interference can be permitted.

What Moscow Thinks.**Moscow, Dec. 5.**

M. Litvinoff in a speech to the Central Executive Committee of Soviets said Russia was well on the way towards a definite settlement of the Chinese Eastern Railway conflict.

The demarche by three Powers, which had been without result would at the worst lead to a delay of the negotiations with Mukden, but he was inclined to think "Mukden, and perhaps even Nanking, will understand that we won't allow any demarche to avert us from the position which we have resolutely adopted from the very beginning of the conflict, and any delay will only be to the disadvantage of China itself."

As regards Japan, considerable stabilisation might be observed in her relations with Russia, and the mutual loyalty shown by both sides. The Soviet was interested in seeing speedy pacification of Afghanistan. It recognised the new government as soon as it was formed, and confirmed its unchanging friendship.

He concluded by saying that the general international position of the Soviets had improved, but their external safety could not be considered secure.

China's Thanks.

Paris, Dec. 5. This morning the Chinese Minister visited M. Briand, whom he thanked for the French intervention in the Sino-Russian conflict.

New Appointments.

HARBIN, Dec. 6. Rengo states that the C.E.R. Administration has informally stated that Lu Jung Huan, of the C.E.R., and Chang Ching Hui, the Governor of Harbin, have been relieved of their posts in accordance with the new Sino-Soviet protocol.

Liu Shang Ching will be appointed manager of the C.E.R. and Mo Te Hui will be the new Governor.

Mr. Tsai Back in Mukden.

LATER. Mr. Tsai Yun Sheng, who was sent by Chang Hsueh Liang to conduct negotiations with the Russian authorities in connection with the C.E.R. issue, returned to Mukden on Thursday. Tsai and the Soviet representative have exchanged views only, it is understood.

It is believed that formal negotiations will be discussed at Vladivostok.

SHENSI'S NEW GOVERNOR.**LIU CHAN HUA NAMED.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)**

NANKING, Dec. 6. It is stated in political circles here that the Central Government has appointed Liu Chan Hua as Chairman of the Provincial Government of Shensi.

EXTRALITY PROBLEM.**SHANGHAI COUNCIL'S OFFER.****TO DEVISE CONSTRUCTIVE PLAN.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6. The Shanghai Municipal Council, in a memorandum explaining their invitation to Judge Feetham, state that they fully appreciate the important relation between the policy of extrality and the complicated problem of the future status of Shanghai during the transition period before such policy can become fully effective.

They desire to devise some constructive plan which will give full consideration to the aspirations of the Chinese and, at the same time, afford adequate protection to the great foreign commercial interests. The Council is willing to take the lead in formulating such a plan, and wishes to obviate any impression of prejudice which might attach to purely local suggestions, has decided to secure entirely disinterested and open-minded advice of a high order. The invitation extended to Judge Feetham was the result of a unanimous vote of the Council, including the Chinese members.

The Council express gratitude to General Herzog for his prompt acquiescence in granting Mr. Justice Feetham leave of absence.

QUELLING THE MUTINY.**PEACE IN SIGHT IN SHANTUNG.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)**

NANKING, Dec. 6. Shih Yu Shan's troops in Anhwei have withdrawn to Shucheng and Tungcheng. Anking, the capital of the Province, is now quiet.

The Provincial Government of Shantung has issued a notification attempting to pacify the people, saying that only a section of Shih Yu Shan's troops mutinied and that the trouble will be over before long.

STRATEGIC POINT CAPTURED.**KUOMINCHUN RETREATING.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6. A telegram received in Hankow from General Yang Chieh states that Kinketkwan, a valuable strategic point at the border between Honan and Shensi, has been captured by the Government forces after a very severe attack.

The Kuominchun have retreated westward.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.**COMPLETION IN SIGHT.****(Nam Chung Pao.)**

The Ministry of Railways has dispatched a delegate to Changsha to negotiate with the Hunan Provincial Government in connection with the completion of the building of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

DR. WANG'S RETIREMENT.**HIS SUCCESSOR ANNOUNCED.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)**

NANKING, Dec. 6. Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister has decided to leave his service by the end of the present year. It is understood that Wang Chung Hui, the Minister of Justice who is returning to China from The Hague, will be appointed to succeed him.

AGREEMENT CONFIRMED.**JAPANESE DIPLOMAT'S REPORT.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)**

Peking, Dec. 6. A spokesman of the Japanese Legation says that the report that an agreement has been signed between Mr. Tsai Yun Sheng, the representative of the Three Eastern Provinces, and the representative of the Soviet is confirmed by a telegram received in Tokyo.

Chang Hsueh Liang has telegraphed to the Central Government reporting the details of the negotiation between the representatives of the Three Eastern Provinces and the Soviet Government.

A spokesman of the Central Government has been received approving the negotiations.

GREAT GALE DISASTERS.**SHIP FOUNDERS; MANY LIVES LOST.****CHANNEL SERVICE STOPPED.****[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]**

LONDON, Dec. 5. Several lives were lost and widespread damage was done to property on land and sea by the worst storm for many years which swept over the British Isles last night and continued with unabated fury through the greater part of the day.

The P. and O. liner Ranchi, on arrival at Plymouth, reported seas in the English Channel which were the worst encountered for years.

The crowning tragedy of the storm was the foundering of the British steamer Frances Duncan off Land's End. While within sight of watchers on the shore the ship was engulfed by a tremendous wave. She turned turtle and disappeared.

Survivors Picked Up.

Another British steamer went to her assistance and succeeded in picking up five survivors from the Frances Duncan. The other sixteen members of the crew were not seen and it is presumed that they lost their lives when the vessel foundered.

The Frances Duncan is a two thousand ton steamer owned by the Frances Duncan Steamship Company (J.T. Duncan & Co.). She was built in 1907 by Palmer & Co. Ltd. at Newcastle and has Cardiff for her port of registry.

While the wreck of the Frances Duncan was the worst feature of the storm other ships suffered. When the storm was at its height, wireless reports stated that the French steamer Cambon and the British steamers Valencia and Humber were out of control owing to damaged steering gear. The Danish steamer Helene reported her engines completely disabled. Appeals from the Spanish steamer Gueho brought two tugs from Swansea to her assistance. The Swedish motor vessel Balaklava reported hurricane conditions, damaged bridges and flooded cabins amidships causing delay. Lifeboats were called out during the day from several stations round the British coast.

Houses Blown Down.

Two houses in London and several in other towns collapsed during the storm and many cases of trees, boardings and walls being blown down are reported. The roads in several parts of the country were temporarily blocked by fallen trees and London to Bournemouth railway traffic was delayed three hours owing to a tree which had fallen across the rails.

Flooding of the Suburban Line near Newbechham Kent, necessitated the cutting off of the current for the electrical trains. A large number of telephone wires were brought down by the storm.

The Newhaven-Dieppe steamer service was cancelled and the Folkestone-Boulogne services was diverted via Dover.

Anxiety regarding the floods in the lower reaches of the Thames was expressed in a question in the House of Commons. The Health Minister, Mr. Greenwood, replied that the matter was under consideration but it was difficult to promise that measures could be taken to prevent the floods.

LATEST WAR NEWS.**DIVISIONS ON THE MOVE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6. A message from Hankow states that yesterday traffic on the Peking-Hankow Railway was again suspended and the Peking express failed to arrive. It is officially stated, however, that this was merely because of congestion due to the troops withdrawing from Honan.

Part of the First Division were despatched to Ichang yesterday where heavy fighting is going on fifteen li below the town between Government forces and rebels. It is also learned that the entire Second and Ninth Divisions are being sent to Pukow to deal with the situation there.

Martial Law in Nanking.

A message from Nanking says that Tang Seng Chi, whose troops are stationed near Hauschow, is reported to be holding up Wang Ching Wei.

The mutineers, whose ranks have been swelled by further defections, including Tang Seng Chi's men, are reported to have turned back and to be advancing toward Pukow.

FOREIGNERS READY TO LEAVE ICHANG.

It is reported that Nationalist troops sent to repel rebels near Ichang were defeated and that rebels are advancing on Ichang. Preparations have been made to evacuate British, American and Japanese nationals from Ichang if necessary.

PARTY STRIFE ENDED.**AUSTRIAN POLITICAL DISPUTE.****SOCIALISTS VERSUS NATIONALISTS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****VIENNA, Dec. 5.**

Chiefly owing to the ability and persistence of the Chancellor, Herr Johann Schober, the long drawn out dispute between the Socialists and the Nationalists with regard to the reform of the Austrian Constitution, which threatened to end in civil war, has terminated in a peaceful compromise. The Parliamentary Sub-Committee which has been dealing with the matter has agreed to the new Constitution which it is anticipated, the National Council will adopt.

The principal objects of the Bill to amend the Constitution were to reform the legislature, strengthen the executive authority of the State, protect the Civil Service against political interference and fix the status of Vienna as a Federal Capital.

The Bill provided for the National Council to remain as at present, but the Federal Council to be replaced by a "professional council" in which each province would be equally represented, together with professional groups. The Federal President, to be elected by the whole of the people, was to be empowered to appoint and dismiss the Government, dissolve the National Council and declare a state of emergency.

A critical situation arose when the former Chancellor, Dr. Ernst Strecker, resigned, his hand being forced by the bourgeois bloc which contended that the Government was not sufficiently strong to carry through the reform of the Constitution.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL RELIEFS COMING.**H.M.S. VINDICTIVE FOR HONG KONG.****LONDON, December 6.**

H.M.S. Vindictive has been ordered to leave Chatham at the end of January on a troopship voyage to Hong Kong with reliefs for the river gunboats employed on the China Station, also for H.M.S. Tamar and H.M.S. Petersfield.

THE ANTI-CHIANG COALITION.**WU PEI FU REAPPEARING.**

The situation in Northern China is developing rapidly, following General Shih Yu Shan's revolt the anti-Chiang Kai Shek elements are increasing in numbers. Various political and military groups, usually hostile to each other, are now in alliance for the overthrow of Chiang.

The following news from Shanghai shows how curiously mixed is the anti-Chiang Kai Shek league:—

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6. General Tang Seng Chi, Marshal Yen Hsi Shan, General Han Fu Chu, General Chen Tiao Yuen, General Shih Yu Shan and General Liu Chin Hua have jointly wired to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek advising him to retire.

According to a message from Szechuan province, the ex-Warlord Wu Pei Fu is trying to return to power and is organising a Szechuanese army, and appointing former subordinates, like Tan Chin Kai, Tang Sih Kou and Li Chi Sheng to lead various units.

Wu Pei Fu has declared that he has concluded an alliance with Marshal Yen Hsi Shan and Marshal Feng Cu Hsiang. He adds that he will lead his forces to Hupeh to assist in attacking Chiang Kai Shek's troops in that province.

The anti-Chiang Kai Shek forces now operating in Western Hupeh are under the command of General Wen Li Hu who was formerly a subordinate of General Hu Chung Tu, a Kwangsi leader who fought against Nanking in the war before this one.

Tang Seng Chi Defects.

General Tang Seng Chi has issued a circular telegram appealing to the various leaders to undertake a "punitive campaign" against Chiang Kai Shek.

General Tang Seng Chi is concentrating his forces at Chengchow, Honan, and preparing to attack Hankow.

NEW THREAT TO NANKING.**HAN FU CHU MOVING EASTWARD.****(Nam Chung Pao.)**

Han Fu Chu's troops are moving eastward along the Lunghai Railway towards Hauschow to co-operate with Shih Yu Shan's troops on the attack upon Nanking.

It is understood that General Tang Seng Chi's troops have decided it opportune to join the revolt against the Nanking regime. Tang is drafting a circular telegram in support of Wang Ching Wei.

BANK OFFICIAL SHOT.**DARING DAYLIGHT RAID.****WOULD-BE KIDNAPPER KILLED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****SHANGHAI, Dec. 6.**

Zih Lo Hseng, the compradore of the Hong Kong Bank, is in hospital suffering from two bullet wounds and a Chinese kidnapper of the most daring type is dead as the result of an attempt to abduct the compradore just after noon while he was going to a restaurant in Foochow Road for tiffin.

Zih Lo Hseng stopped his car to enable his bodyguard to buy some meat for a pet dog when four desperadoes ran toward the car with the intention of abducting the compradore. The bodyguard, seeing what was happening, drew his gun and fired at the kidnappers, all of whom took to flight, firing wildly as they ran.

Two shots hit the compradore. The bodyguard pursued the desperadoes and managed to hit one in the leg but the man, despite his injury, continued to run.

A Chinese police officer ended the career of the kidnapper with a careful shot.

The other three escaped and have evaded arrest up to the moment.

The compradore is in a critical condition.

NEW SOUTH WALES COAL DISPUTE.**ANOTHER OMINOUS DEVELOPMENT.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****SYDNEY, December 6.**

An ominous development has occurred in the New South Wales coal dispute which it was hoped would have been settled along lines agreed upon by the conference of owners and the miners' leaders summoned by Prime Minister Scullin on November 29 after a prolonged stoppage.

Settlement was to be based upon a wage reduction of 12½ per cent. in the case of contract workers and sixpence per day for day labourers. It was believed that a meeting of the miners would be held to ratify an agreement on these lines and that it would be possible to resume work this week.

At a mass meeting of miners at one of the most important centres—Kurri Kurri—yesterday, however, the miners rejected the suggested terms of settlement. It is expected that other centres will follow Kurri Kurri's lead.

ROYALTY VISIT THE VATICAN.**QUEEN PRESENTED WITH ROSARY.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****VATICAN CITY, Dec. 5.**

Their Italian Majesties drove in state on a visit to the Pope, the first time that the sovereigns of united Italy have entered the Vatican, thus ending the quarrel which had lasted 29 years.

The Pope presented the Queen of Italy with a rosary of gold and precious stones and also a mosaic reproduction of the picture of the Madonna by Raphael. The King of Italy was presented with a coffee designed by Beltrani and four volumes illustrating the Vatican collection of coins. Another gift was that of a case of gold, silver and bronze medals specially struck for the occasion.

Their Majesties presented the Pope with an antique pectoral cross studded with jewels and a small crucifix which is a heirloom of the House of Savoy.

GERMANY AND THE YOUNG PLAN.**HERR SCHACHT'S DECLARATION.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

Berlin, Dec. 5. "Back to the Young Plan" is the motif of a long memorandum which Herr Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, has addressed to the Government, protesting against politicians trying to spoil what the economists have built up, condemning the attempts of the Government to tamper with the recommendations of the Young Plan, and declining all responsibility for the enactment of the Young Plan if its recommendations are not respected by all countries concerned.

Herr Schacht accuses the Government of doing nothing to reorganise Germany's finances.

WOMEN'S RUSH FOR AIRSHIP POSTS.**WAITRESSES ON R.101.****CHIEF STEWARD'S PLANS FOR MEALS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****Mr. A. H. Savidge, who was the first airship steward in the world, on R.36, has been appointed chief steward of the new airship R.101. Since he left the R.36 he has had a long experience in a similar capacity on the Majestic, but says that he prefers the comfort of the air to the perils of the sea. He has now mapped exactly how he will serve meals in the air. A chef from a well known London hotel has been engaged, and cooks will be selected as the time draws near for the first long-distance flight.**

"I am hoping to surprise completely the passengers when they make their first trip," Mr. Savidge said to a reporter. "I expect to put on a seven-course dinner which will excel the meals served on the great Atlantic liners. There is no reason why we should not be able to put on the table a dinner as well cooked and as well served as in any West End hotel. We have a large electric oven, and there is a hot press so that the joints can be kept hot until they are actually served up."

"We shall take on board a constant supply of fresh provisions, which is impossible on a ship making a voyage of eight to fourteen days and even on a crossing of the Atlantic. For the present we shall purchase bread at each stopping place. When we leave England we shall take something like 200 loaves. It is surprising how fresh bread can be kept for nearly a week. By simply passing the loaf through steam it tastes like hot rolls, and it is impossible to recognise it as stale bread."

"Our fish will be fresh and our game will be taken on board at each place of call. We shall have a large supply of tobacco, cigarettes, and cigars, and there is a wine cellar, the contents of which will satisfy the greatest connoisseurs. It will be much more comfortable dining on the airship than in a train or ocean-going vessel. There is practically no vibration in the airship."

Mr. Savidge explained that the airship was already provisioned with four days supply in case of emergency. "I have been simply inundated with applications from waiters and waitresses. Women seem particularly keen to get into this new venture. Several of them declare that they would be willing to serve as stewardesses without pay for the sheer joy of travelling in airships."

"We don't contemplate engaging women for the present, but as we get more experienced there is little doubt there will be openings for waitresses."

COMMUNIST RIOTS.**CONSULATE DOORS SMASHED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****WARSAW, Dec. 6.**

A riot occurred during a Communist demonstration last evening. Rioters smashed the windows of the United States Consulate and shouted abusive protests against American intervention in the Russo-Chinese dispute.

Police drew their revolvers and several of the demonstrators were arrested. Many people were hurt during the scuffles.

ANGLO-FINNISH SOCIETY.**ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, December 6.**

Viscount Altonby proposed the toast of "Prosperity to Finland" at the Anglo-Finnish Society's dinner, last night in celebration of the 12th Anniversary of Finland's Independence.

He said that Finland had made itself consolidated and secure through the stout hearts of the people.

Monsieur Sanstamoinen, the Finnish Minister, in reply referred to Finland's close relations with Britain which was Finland's best customer. Their independence was the outcome of hard political thinking and equally hard earning.

SENTENCE OF DEATH.**PARLIAMENT TO CONSIDER ABOLITION.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, December 6.**

The House of Commons has agreed to set up a Select Committee to consider the question of capital punishment in cases tried in civil courts in time of peace, and to report whether another penalty and, if so, of what nature, should be substituted for sentence of death in such cases where that sentence is now prescribed by law.

Telegram in Brief.

Canberra, Dec. 5.—The House of Representatives has passed the third reading of the Commonwealth Bank Bill.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The Federal Reserve Board has lowered the rediscount rate to four and a half per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, Dec. 5.—The American delegation to the naval conference at London will sail on January 10, aboard the Bremen. The personnel is forty, the largest sent to Europe since the Versailles peace conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Chicago, December 6.—The American racehorse owner, Mr. John D. Hertz, has refused the offer put forward by Mr. Walt Wagoner, the millionaire oil magnate, of a million dollars for his famous horse Reigh Count. This is believed to be the record offer for a thoroughbred.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The Government has adopted heroic measures to deal with the Parliamentary congestion and submitted as a motion of confidence that the Chamber sits three times a day, including Sundays, until the Budget has been passed. The motion was adopted by 350 votes to 142.

London, Dec. 6.—Sir Farnham Ovey, the newly appointed British Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Republics, is expected to leave for his post to-morrow and Monsieur Sokolnikoff, the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to London, is reported to have left Warsaw last night en route for England.—*British Official Wireless.*

Washington, Dec. 5.—The House of Representatives, by 215 votes to 17, passed a resolution providing for a reduction in the income tax yield of \$160,000,000 in accordance with the recommendation of President Hoover when he introduced the Budget for the next fiscal year. The reduction will be effected by reducing the rate of the income tax by one per cent.

Moscow, December 6.—The Aviation Society of Soviet Russia, claiming to have 5,000,000 members, has issued a protest against the action of Costes and Bellonte in illegally flying over the forbidden zone in the Far East during the course of their record flight from France to Manchuria. The Society declares this was a "deliberate act of deceit" and a "hostile political act" against the Soviet.

Washington, Dec. 5.—"To keep labour busy, wages high and business prosperous" was the Government's aim, declared President Hoover when he addressed the four hundred delegates, representing nearly all branches of American industry, at a conference, the immediate object of which is to create a permanent organisation to co-operate with the Department of Commerce.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, Dec. 5.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Haiti, which is at present occupied by American marines. This step, it is officially believed, is the outcome of a strike of school-teachers, which has apparently spread in other directions. At present, it is not clear whether martial law is confined to the capital, Port-au-Prince, or whether it extends throughout the Republic.—*Reuter's American Service.*

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.**CLAUSE WITHDRAWN FOR REDRAFTING.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, December 6. The Labourite "Left Wingers" pressure on the Government in the House of Commons last night on the much-disputed provision in the Unemployment Insurance Bill as regards "genuinely seeking work" claimants for the sole ended in Miss Margaret Bondfield agreeing to withdraw Clause 4 of the bill with a view to redrafting it.

This was the suggestion put forward by Mr. O. Baldwin after seven hours' wrangling.

MURDERER'S ACQUITTAL.

Sports News

FIVE FURLONGS RECORD "WOBLING."

PROSPECTS OF CANDIDATES AT TO-DAY'S
EXTRA RACE MEETING.

TWO "CHAMPIONS" TO BE DECIDED.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

The racing season for 1929 will be wound up to-day, when the Tenth Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at Happy Valley.

The programme gives promise of some very fine racing, and one of the keenest races of the year should be seen this afternoon. I refer to the Hong Kong Autumn Champions, which is confined to winners only.

The subs are going to decide which of them is the best, and in addition to this there is a race at weight for inches over five furlongs, in which the record is likely to be lowered.

Betting arrangements will be the same as last Saturday, and in the absence of counter attractions the attendance should be very big. The course is perfect and ideal for potential record-smashers.

December Handicap "A."

Although there are fourteen entries for the first race, I think the field will be confined to five or six animals, from which Young Pretender should have no difficulty in winning. Our Prince at 140 and Monterey Bay at 158 should fill the remaining places. The Duke of Chantilly carries 164, and might find the weight a bit too much for him.

If the Dynasty stable decides to send King's Counsel here instead of Young Pretender, I think the race would go to Our Prince or Monterey Bay.

Nutall Plate.

Although Boxing Eve stands a good chance in the Champions, he will probably start here and try to add a further record to his name. That the record will be lowered seems certain, and Boxing Eve will probably score away a good many of the eighteen entries. On his last showing, when he covered three-quarters of a mile in 1:29.2 while carrying 171 lbs., he should win easily. I understand Majestic Hall will face the starter here, and possibly King's Counsel, who was going very well at the morning gallops yesterday. Those who are looking for outsiders, in the faint hope of something going wrong with the "cert," will do well to back one of these, but they should bear in mind that in supporting the Hall or the King they are going against a record-breaking performer.

If Boxing Eve is kept for the Champions, which does not seem likely, I should tip the Hall as a better pony than the King to follow. If Young Pretender goes here instead of King's Counsel, he will be a real danger, as he is very fit at the moment and in five furlongs might respond to any amount of asking.

December Handicap "B."

City Hall carries 170 lbs. in the "B" class, where he is making his first appearance. He is up against the weight problem, and may or may not win, but is worth following. Fifty Fifty and Huntington both look good bets, and may and the distance a bit too long. Tarmacadam has only 150 lbs. to carry and might pull it off, while Buster and Campbell are two ponies which might pay big dividends. If Campbell is well mounted, he will take a lot of beating in this race. On the whole, I think the race lies between Campbell, City Hall, and Huntington, and accordingly tip them to finish in that order.

Hong Kong Autumn Champions.

This is the best race of the day, and as far as can be gathered from the morning gallops, Young Pretender, Our Prince, and Monterey Bay are certain starters. Boxing Eve might prefer to break records and stay away from this event. He should do quite well if sent in here, but will have to put up a very excellent performance if he is going to win. Majestic Hall will be missed, but the owner had a problem to find a jockey to replace Mr. Wong, who is away in Shanghai, and so he will send Majestic to the shorter race with Mr. Heard in the saddle. Winsome Sting is definitely not starting, and Hiawatha is not in condition. The last-named will not be seen at to-day's meeting.

On his running last week One Third should win, as he accounted for Christmas Chimes at 168 lbs. each. They will both carry ten pounds less and the race is a quarter of a mile shorter to-day. Christmas Chimes, however, is quite capable of turning the tables on One Third, and if he is going to do it at all will do it to-day. Accordingly, while I have a great respect for One Third, I tip Christmas to win this event. Chesapeake Bay enjoys stable confidence, but I am afraid will not be very well fancied by the public. He has a great speed at

it undoubtedly too long for him, and I do not feel that he can account for the other two. I must, however, point out that his connections are confident about him, and will leave punters either to share that confidence or look for something else. Personally I prefer Christmas Chimes' chances.

If Boxing Eve starts here he will carry a good number of tickets, and if he strikes a very good patch he might give the others a good race at the end, but I am not at all sure he is a "cinch" in any sense.

December Handicap "D."

One is hard put to it to find a winner for the "D" class seven furlongs. Cavalier carries 170 lbs. and can be ruled out with the Duke of Normandy who carries the same weight. Papaya has only 162 lbs. and is my choice for this race, especially as Mr. de Rosa is in the saddle. Kum On has 158 pounds to carry, but I don't think he will win, although good for a place. Pumpkin carries Mr. Harriman and a few pounds of lead in the saddle, and will be good for place money, possibly even for a win. Ching Hoi had a large following the last time out, and since the animal carries less weight now he will be in better demand. Sunloch has only 154 lbs. to account for, and if well ridden will pay well for a place.

Sub's Autumn Champion.

For the subscription griffin champions this afternoon, interest will be centered on three ponies, these being Nookhill, The Ape, and King's Falloch.

King's Falloch appears to be on the top of his form, and I expect him to do very well this afternoon with Mr. Bullock in the saddle. He will more than extend the other two, and should finish very close to the winner, if he cannot win himself.

The Ape, on the score of condition, is perfect. He will be Mr. Harriman's mount, and there is plenty of confidence in his stable about The Ape's ability. The animal to my mind is the best sub over three-quarters of a mile, but to-day's race is over a mile and quarter, and The Ape's problem is not an easy one, though she may solve it.

Nookhill has shown his worth over the mile and quarter, and as he has very much to the forefront lately, he should find many supporters. Candidly, I don't think Mr. Heard can make any mistake with this race.

December Handicap "C."

On his last showing I think Armony is still good for a win, although Erstwhile might upset the order of things to-day. Sunshine has 152 pounds on his saddle and has Mr. Harriman's assistance. He will be well backed to win, I think, and should be well in the picture. Duke of Milan and Glory are good for place money.

Consolation Stakes.

Misty Eve will have next to no opposition in the Consolation Stakes. He is miles ahead of the others, except perhaps Delaware Bay, who will probably get one of the places. Glory might start here after all, and get third place. Triumphant Stag may run well and Buster is another pony worth bearing in mind if one is looking for possible winners in case Misty Eve goes lame or something else happens.

SELECTIONS.

My selections are as follows:—
Race 1.
 Young Pretender.
 Our Prince.
 Monterey Bay.
Race 2.
 Boxing Eve (if started).
 Majestic Hall.
 King's Counsel.
Race 3.
 Campbell.
 City Hall.
 Huntington.
Race 4.
 Christmas Chimes.
 One Third.
 Chesapeake Bay or Boxing Eve.
Race 5.
 Papaya.
 Kum On.
 Pumpkin.
Race 6.
 Nookhill.
 The Ape.
 King's Falloch.
Race 7.
 Armony.
 Erstwhile.
 Sunshine.
Race 8.
 Misty Eve.
 Delaware Bay.
 Glory.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.
 Kick-off at 4 p.m.
 China Athletic v. South China, North Point Stadium. Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.
 R.A. v. Club de Recreo, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.
 St. Joseph's v. Hong Kong F.C., Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Lieut. Seal, M.C.
 Somerset v. L.L. v. Kowloon F.C., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Ldg. Sec. Ness.
 Royal Navy v. Hong Kong Police, Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.

Division II.
 Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
 K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's Reserves, China Athletic ground. Referee: Mr. C. Mose.
 R.A. Reserves v. China Athletic "A", Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Sergt. Bunting.
 Kowloon F.C. Reserves v. S.L.I. Reserves, K.F.C. ground. Referee: P.O. Mellow.
 Ewo Chinese v. Royal Navy Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: L.S.A. Ryder.
 R.A.M.C. v. Club de Recreo, Royal Navy ground. Referee: Ldg. Cook Kidd.
 South China "B" v. South China "A", Caroline Hill ground. Referee: B.Q.M.S. Clark.
 China Athletic "B" v. Eastern F.C., North Point Stadium. Referee: L.S.B.A. Mann.
 The kick off in each division has this week been advanced fifteen minutes. Secretaries should note the time of kick off.

THE LOCAL DERBY.

For the first time this season, China Athletic and South China meet in a league game. The venue is the Athletic ground at North Point and the spacious accommodation should be well filled. Transport to and from the ground is being improved weekly, and both buses and trams will be available to take everyone home when the game terminates.

The game is eagerly looked forward to by the Chinese supporters, while the Athletic management is making arrangements for the reception of a record gate. Reverting to the game, the Athletics are the favourites, but with Fung King Cheong as leader of the South China attack the home defence will be severely tested. As far as form goes this season the Athletic should win.

The Gunners will receive the Club de Recreo at Sookunpoo. The visitors are in a lowly position in the league this season, mainly through the absence of A. V. Gosling. A recovery is expected and the visitors are expected to return with the points.

The game on the Hong Kong F.C. ground between St. Joseph's and the Hong Kong F.C. should be evenly contested. With Goldman and Scott absent from the attack, the Saints defence should have an easy time. Stewart returns to the side after a few weeks rest and should greatly strengthen the defence. With the College fielding an unknown team anything may happen. With Kilbride and Cobb in the attack, Rodger will not have an easy time in the Club goal.

Kowloon and S.L.L.

A good game should be seen on the Railway ground between Kowloon F.C. and Somerset L.L. Kowloon F.C. can boast of a fine defence, all aspirants for Interporet honours, while the S.L.L. have an equally good attack. The game should be a needle one throughout and little between the teams when the final whistle sounds.

The meeting between the Royal Navy and H.K. Police at Caroline Hill will probably not attract a large crowd, although a good number of Chinese is expected in view of the Club's junior derby. With so many big ships in port, the Navy can field a useful side and should take the points to-day.

The Juniors.
 With the juniors the meeting between South China "A" and "B" teams is the attraction for the Chinese followers of the game. The "A" should maintain their unbeaten record. Royal Navy Res., K.O.S.B. Res., China Athletic "A" and "B" and Kowloon Res. should be found among the winners. R.A.M.C. expect to secure their first league win to-day.

KOWLOON 1st XI. v. SOMERSET.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon 1st XI. v. Somerset 1st team at home ground to-day. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
 Angus; Gillett; C. Pile; Hadley; Downman; Bliss; Pile; Callagher; Moss; McKelvie (Capt.); Miles.
 Reserves: Simpson and Herbert.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY, DEC. 8.

9.08 a.m. C. W. Jeffries and E. P. Fletcher.
 9.12 " G. E. Costello and B. D. Evans.
 9.16 " Reserved.
 9.24 " H. U. Ireland and L. G. S. Dodwell.
 9.30 " N. L. Smith and F. J. de Rome.
 9.33 " L. R. Andrews and R. Young.
 9.40 " I. W. Shewan and A. H. Ferguson.
 9.43 " K. S. Robertson and W. L. Dunbar.
 9.50 " D. G. G. MacDowd and A. E. Lissaman.
 9.55 " R. D. Wrigley and O. E. C. Marton.
 10.00 " J. M. Walker and T. G. Bennett.
 (Above are Champion-ship matches.)
 10.04 " A. D. Humphreys and O. Enger.
 10.08 " I. H. Geare and G. W. Sewell.
 10.12 " W. A. Butterfield and H. C. Whittall.
 10.16 " J. D. Kinnaird and A. MacFarlane.
 10.20 " A. G. Coppin and E. des Vaux.
 10.24 " J. Harrop and W. Lorimer.
 10.28 " J. S. Drummond and J. M. Norie.
 10.32 " H. R. Sturt and H. Spicer.
 10.36 " P. Morrison and D. S. Robb.
 10.40 " A. B. Purves and J. S. MacLaren.
 10.44 " C. M. Roberts and W. D. Harris.
 10.48 " R. M. Henderson and J. W. Franks.
 10.52 " A. F. Judd and A. C. Meredith.
 10.56 " J. H. Raikes and S. J. H. Fox.
 11.00 " D. J. Gilmore and K. S. Morrison.
 11.04 " E. D. Lawrence and C. E. Holmes.
 11.08 " W. I. S. Key and D. S. Edwards.
 11.12 " D. M. Goodell and H. Hampton.
 11.16 " J. S. Dykes and A. Webster.
 11.20 " G. A. Howard and W. A. Staley.
 11.24 " K. K. Rounds and O. D. Brown.
 11.28 " C. Thwaites and J. R. Collie.
 11.32 " G. W. Reeve and J. P. Sherry.
 11.36 " C. H. Bradley and H. A. Mills.
 11.40 " C. B. Johnson and J. D. Humphreys.
 11.44 " J. W. Alabaster and Charles Mycock.
 11.48 " N. Croucher and N. H. Proctor.
 11.52 " J. Smith and F. M. Ellis.
 11.56 " Major Beamish and T. C. Monaghan.
 12.00 noon K. E. Greig and Col. D. Evans.
 12.04 p.m. H. A. Lammert and S. A. Seth.
 12.08 " R. Ashby and T. S. Whyte Smith.
 12.12 " S. T. Butlin and A. O. Brown.
 No four ball matches till 1.24 p.m.
 12.28 " Reserved.
 1.10 " Reserved.
 1.20 " Reserved.

ROUND THE COURTS.

TENDERING SPURIOUS COINS.

A Chinese, who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday with tendering 120 counterfeit coins purporting to be Chinese 20 cent. pieces, told the Magistrate that he had won the coins in a gambling house in Macao and did not know that they were spurious. He remarked, however, that he had twice attempted to change the coins at a money-changer's shop but the money was refused.
 It was stated that the defendant tendered \$21 worth of coins to another money-changer, who, on discovering their nature had him placed under arrest.
 The Magistrate observed that there were certain features in the defendant's favour. The accused had gone to a money-changer's shop in broad daylight when detection by the eyes of an expert would have been easier than at night.
 Detective Sergeant Fowle told the Magistrate that the defendant had made no attempt to escape when he was arrested.
 The defendant was convicted and a fine of \$30 or nine months' hard labour was imposed.

SANITARY COOLIE SENT TO JAIL.

For attacking a godown keeper in a lane behind Tai Nam Street and stealing \$13.50, three Sanitary coolies were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.
 Detective Sergeant Meadows told the Magistrate that the complainant and a *joki* visited an opium den and on leaving the premises by the back door they were attacked by the defendants who seized the complainant and stole his money. The *joki* ran away. It was discovered after the arrest of the defendants that they had been put up to the job by the *joki* who had a grudge against his master.

A NEW WAY OF TORTURING POULTRY.

An uncommon method of causing unnecessary suffering to poultry was mentioned yesterday when a Chinese was charged with cruelty to three quails.
 Inspector Marks said that the defendant was arrested carrying the quails in a stocking, in which were also three quail eggs. One of the quails was dead when taken out, while another died not long after it had been freed.
 The defendant was fined \$5.
 In another case a Chinese was fined \$7 for overcrowding 38 chickens, six of which were carried in a sack.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

1st XI. v. O.R.C. Causeway Bay.—W. Brace (Capt.), F. E. Lawrence, E. C. Fincher, F. Zimmern, G. A. V. Hall, A. T. Lee, N. H. Ross, N. Mackay, A. Ling, H. T. Buxton, E. F. Fincher. Umpire: A. E. Silkstone. Scorer: W. F. Fincher.
 2nd XI. v. C.C.C. K.C.C. ground.—F. S. Petheram (Capt.), H. Overly, F. S. W. Smith, F. Hamblin, O. B. Raven, A. R. F. Raven, G. Lee, S. Jex, A. J. Kew, H. Marlow, R. Baldwin. Umpire: A. W. Bliss. Scorer: Capt. Lathwaite.

NEWSPAPER FOR TRAMPS.

LANGUAGE OF SECRET CODES.

ROAD SLANG.

Birmingham tramps and beggars now have their own newspaper. Its title is the *Abraham-man's News*.
 "Abraham-man," it is said, is the slang term for vagabond.
 The paper is a single sheet of typed matter, evidently produced on a cheap duplicator. The price is one "flack"—a halfpenny.
 It is written in slang which is unintelligible to the ordinary citizen, but no vagrant would dream of visiting the midlands without purchasing a copy of the *Abraham-man's News*.
 The newspaper has no scheme to insure its readers against being put in the "Irishman's Theatre" (prison). It contains a mine of information for the "blackberry swagger" (hawker) and other itinerant visitors. The best of the "woolholes" (workhouses) are given honourable mention, and all the "ganny vials" (towns where the police dislike hawkers and tramps) are listed.
 The "Dolly Shop."

The "screever" (pavement artist) is informed where he can loan chalked pictures for a "susheroon" (five shillings) a day. The "gloak" (beggar) who is "quibsy" (roke) and can not find a "downy earwig" (sympathetic clergyman) is enlightened by cryptic signs of the whereabouts of the nearest "dolly shop" (illegal pawnbroker) where he can "jug" (pawn) whatever portable property he may have gathered in his travels, and so dine in luxury off a "two-eyed steak" (a kipper) or a German duck or a sheep's head.

There are also given the addresses of the nearest "Flatlow" (public-house) where drink can be obtained on collateral security, and "Tower gang" (mock auctioneers), who may be requiring assistants, in fact no "maunferer" (tramp) nor "fencer" (door-to-door hawkers) need "elem" (starve), or do without "chow chow" (food) if he follows the many "patrons" (private marks which tramps make on or near the doors of generous householders indicated in this tramps' newspaper).

The publisher's reticence is omitting his name from the publication prevented ascertaining if it were his intention to start a chain of these newspapers in London and the provinces, but judging by the way my informant clung jealously to his copy, the venture would seem to be assured of success.

HOME FOOTBALL.

FIRST ROUND CUP MATCH REPLAYS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The following were the results of replays in the first round of the F.A. Cup Competition which resulted in drawn games last Saturday:—
 Tranmere 0 York City 1
 Coventry 2 Norwich 0
 York City will now be the visitors at Southend in the second round next Saturday, while Coventry will be at home to Bath City. Further replays are necessary between Clapton Orient and Folkestone, and Doncaster and Shildon, to complete the second round draw. The winners will be at home to Northfleet and New Brighton respectively.

THE COASTAL SERVICE.

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. E. J. Hankin, from reserve, has gone second officer, Fatahan.
 Mr. M. Defty, second officer, Fatahan, has gone second officer, Chungking.
 Captain A. Torrible, of the Poyang, has retired from the China Navigation Co.
 Captain J. W. Tinson, of the Wuchang, has gone master, Poyang.
 Captain H. Gifford, from reserve, has gone master, Wuchang.
 Mr. N. Pounder, from Home leave, has gone extra chief officer, Hsin-Peking.
 Mr. J. Robinson, extra chief officer, Sunning, is on reserve.
 Mr. J. H. McLaren, chief officer, Wosung, has gone chief officer, Tean.
 Mr. E. Williams, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Wosung.
 Mr. J. Middleton, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Nanning.
 Mr. J. S. Turnbull, second officer, Nanning, is on reserve.
 Captain R. Umpleby, from Home leave, is on reserve.
 Mr. R. Anderson, from "Home leave," has gone extra chief officer, Hsin-Peking.
 Mr. A. Swanson, second officer, Hsin-Peking, has gone second officer, Ninghai.
 Mr. B. Steffanson, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Ninghai.
 Mr. I. Newton, chief officer, Wansien, has gone chief officer, Kiating.
 Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, Kiating, has gone chief officer, Wansien.
 Captain E. Johnson, of the Wansien, has gone master, Kiating.
 Captain R. Allinson, of the Kiating, has gone master, Wansien.
 Mr. J. Middleton, from Home leave, has gone extra chief officer, Hsin-Peking.
 Mr. W. T. D. Murphy, second officer, Sunning, has gone second officer, Hsin-Peking.
 Mr. D. H. Davidson, third engineer officer, Chinkiang, is on reserve.
 Mr. W. D. Williams, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Chinkiang.
 Mr. A. L. Honor, chief engineer officer, Chinkiang, has resigned from the C.N. Co.
 Mr. A. McGregor, chief engineer officer, Shansi, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinkiang.
 Mr. R. D. Davis, second engineer officer, Poyang, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Shansi.
 Mr. J. P. Brown, third engineer officer, Wenchow, has gone third engineer officer, Liangchow.
 Mr. A. J. Courtney, third engineer officer, Liangchow, has gone third engineer officer, Wenchow.
 Mr. E. V. de Malmarche, second officer, Tingsang, has gone second engineer officer, Hopsang.
 Mr. H. J. Cairns, third officer, Hingsang, is on reserve.
 Mr. J. Fant, third officer, Chak sang, has gone third officer, Hsin-Peking.
 Mr. E. J. Thomson, second officer, Wansien, has gone second officer, Tingsang.
 Mr. D. B. Smith, second officer, Suwo, has gone second officer, Kungwo.
 Mr. T. Fairbairn, second officer, Kungwo, has gone second officer, Suwo.
 Mr. J. Robson, second engineer officer, Kutwo, has gone second engineer officer, Kungwo.
 Mr. L. McEae, chief officer, Kumsang, is on reserve.
 Mr. G. K. Hudson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kumsang.
 Mr. W. L. Courtney, third officer, Chippingham, has gone third officer, Kwongsang.
 Mr. R. W. Draney, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chippingham.—Shipping and Engineering.

BOXING

CITY HALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th.
At 9.15 p.m.

Heavy Weight Championship of The Colony

A. B. ROWLES

H.M.S. "Marazion"

L. STOKER

H.M.S. "Cornwall"

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[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
O.B.E., COMMANDANT.]

No. 49/29.

1.—Annual Camp.

The following units are required
to proceed to Fanling Camp on
Friday evening to Sunday evening,
December 6 to 8.

Machine Gun Troop and Scottish
Company.

The Corps Signals proceeded to
Camp on Wednesday evening, De-
cember 4.

Those wishing to have their bag-
gage sent to the camp at Fanling
must deliver it, clearly labelled with
owners' names at Corps Headquar-
ters by 2 p.m. on Friday, December
6.

Attention of all ranks are drawn
to the fact that they must bring
greatcoats to camp folded and car-
ried in slings.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

From Kowloon to Fanling:—

5.40 p.m., Friday and Saturday

evenings.

7.36 p.m., Friday and Saturday

evenings.

6.40 a.m., Saturday and Sunday

morning.

From Fanling to Kowloon:—

5.58 p.m., Sunday evening.

The Battery will attend the R.A.

Practice Camp at Tai Lan during

the week-end December 14-15 and

December 21-22.

2.—Corps Band.

There will be a Band Practice at

5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10,

at Headquarters in mufli.

3.—The Battery.

Parade at Headquarters for Gun

Drill on Friday, December 6, at 5.30

p.m.

Transport to Camp.—Transport

will leave Kowloon Ferry as under:

Fridays: December 13 and 20, at

5.45 p.m.

Saturdays: December 14 and 21,

at 2.30 p.m.

4.—Engineer Company.

Parade at Instruction Shed, Well-

ington Barracks, on Thursday, De-

cember 12, at 5.30 p.m., for switch-

board and projector practice with

engineer running. Dress: Mufli.

All members who have not fired

Parts I and II Table "T" are

reminded that Sunday, December

15, is the last opportunity to make

themselves efficient.

5.—Corps Signals.

There will be a parade at Corps

Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thurs-

day, December 12. Dress: Mufli.

6.—Machine Gun Troop.

The Troop will go into camp on

Friday, December 6. There will be

no parades next week.

7.—Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as

strong as possible on Tuesday, De-

cember 10, at 5.30 p.m. at Head-

quarters in mufli for M.G. Train-

ing.

8.—Scottish Company.

Parade at Headquarters for

Machine Gun Instruction on Thurs-

day, December 12, at 5.30 p.m.

9.—Portuguese Company.

Parades.—The Company will hold
its next parade on Friday, Decem-
ber 13, at Headquarters at 3.30 p.m.
Rifles.—All rifles, properly clean-
ed, must be returned to Stores by
December 13.

10.—Sergeants' Mess.

There will be a meeting of the
Sergeants' Mess Committee at 8
p.m. on Thursday, December 12.

11.—Strength.

The following recruit has been
taken on the strength and posted
as under:—

No. 1530 Spr. N. J. Bebbington,
Engineer Company, from Novem-
ber 29, 1929.

12.—Leave.

No. 1131 Pte. G. A. Ribeiro, No.

10 Platoon, from November 14, 1929,

to May 13, 1930 (sick leave).

No. 1227 Pte. L. A. Peres, No. 12

Platoon, from November 14 to De-

cember 13, 1929 (sick leave).

No. 1382 Pte. G. A. V. Hall, No.

2 Platoon, from November 19 to

December 31, 1929.

No. 1147 Corp. G. B. Labrum,

Armoured Car Company, having re-

turned from leave, rejoined for duty

on November 30, 1929.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, Major,
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Hong Kong, December 5, 1929.

(Continued on next Column.)



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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.				
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	FRIDAY, DEC. 6.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks								
...	\$1,330	...	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	\$1,330
...	£125	Do. (London)	...	...	...	...
...	210	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	£194
...	2304	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	£234
...	£104	Do.	...	...	...	£18
\$96	Bank of East Asia	\$95	...	...	...
Insurances								
...	\$695	Canton Ins.	...	...	...	\$700
...	\$2.20	...	...	Underwriters	\$3.05	...	...	...
T160	North China	...	...	...	T160
\$355	Union Ins.	\$354	...	...	...
...	M.850	Yungtze Ins.	...	...	...	\$60
\$910	China Fires	\$810	...	...	...
...	\$815	H.K. Fires	\$815	...	...	...
Shipping								
...	\$254	Douglases	\$25	...	...	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	...	...
\$264	...	\$264	...	Indos (pref.)	...	...	...	\$26
\$46	Do. (def.)	...	...	...	\$50
...	Shell Transports	...	...	...	\$90
...	Water-boats	...	...	...	100/-
...	\$22	...	...	...	...	\$214
Mining								
\$4.70	Benquets	...	...	...	...
...	63/-	Kailans	...	...	...	57/8
...	...	T13.60	...	Langkats (comb.)	...	...	...	T.14
...	T.74	Do. (single)	...	...	...	T.9
...	T.130	Explorations	...	...	...	T.14
...	T.5	Shanghai Loans	...	...	...	T.3
...	\$12	Laubs	...	\$124	...	...
...	21/-	Tronoh Mines	...	...	...	20/-
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
...	\$145	H.K. & K. Wharfs	...	\$145	...	...
...	Providents	\$3.30	...	\$5.25	...
\$5.30	...	\$54	...	H.K. Docks	...	...	...	\$33
\$324	T.94	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	T.9
...	T.74	New Engineering	...	...	...	T.7
...	T.150	Hongkows	...	...	...	...
Cotton Mills								
...	Ewos	...	T14.70	...	...
T14.60	S'hai C'ons (old)	...	...	...	T.7
T.77	T.493	Do. (new)	...	...	...	T.5
...	T.94	Zoong Sings	...	...	...	T.9
Lands, Hotels and Buildings								
...	...	10.60/-	10	H.K. & S. Hotels	\$10.70	...	\$10.70	...
\$104	H.K. Lands	\$64	...	...	...
\$64	T.181	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realty	\$8	...	...	...
\$7.99	...	\$14.15	...	Humphreys	...	...	...	\$14
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
...
Public Utilities								
...	\$184	\$19	\$184	Tramways	...	\$184	...	...
...	\$112	Peak Tram (old)	...	\$11.85	...	...
...	Do. (new)	...	\$54	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	\$7
...	C. Lights (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric	...	...	...	...
...	Macao do	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones	...	...	...	...
...	China Buses	...	...	...	...
...	Tractions	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (pref.)	...	...	...	...
Industrials								
...	Caldbeck, (ord.)	...	...	...	...
...	Macgregor (pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...	...
...	Cements (comb.)	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Ropes	...	\$7.20	\$7.50	...
...	China Sugars	...	...	...	...
...	Malacca Sugars	...	...	...	...
...	United Asbestos	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous								
...	Dairy Farms	...	\$204	...	...
...	Der A. Wings	...	...	...	...
...	Amusements	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawfords	...	\$1.90
...	Macintosh
...	Nanyang Tobacco
...	Sinceres (old)	...	\$104
...	Do. (new)	...	\$94
...	Watsons	...	\$11.40
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TJISAROE	AMOY	15th Dec.	17th Dec.	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA
TJISONDARI	S'HAL & AMOY	19th Dec.	21st Dec.	BATAVIA
TJILEBOET	AMOY	29th Dec.	31st Dec.	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA
TJIKEMBANG	S'HAL & AMOY	30th Dec.	1st Jan.	BATAVIA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON	FOR
TJISAROE	JAVA, MAKASSAR	In Port	9th Dec.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	AMOY & S'HAL
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	15th Dec.	18th Dec.	AMOY & S'HAL
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	20th Dec.	23rd Dec.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	28th Dec.	28th Dec.	AMOY & S'HAL

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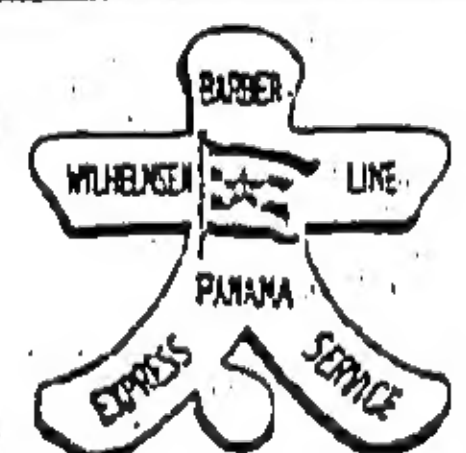
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[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 6.
Before proceeding to Florida today, Mr. Edison said that, while the product of synthetic rubber was found to be the most satisfactory of the

thousands of plants with which he had experimented, no estimate was yet made as to the possible cost of the production of synthetic rubber, nor were the commercial possibilities of the invention decided.
Prominent rubber merchants are very sceptical regarding "golden rod rubber" and do not think that the product is likely to affect the

Money and Markets

HONG KONG SHARES.

BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, local share and general brokers, in their weekly share report dated yesterday state:—

Business on our local market has been fairly active since the date of our last report and most stocks can be placed at quotations.

Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks, in sympathy with the drop in the London price to 2125 (Middle) have eased somewhat and were booked at \$1,325 and \$1,350.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions further declined and were sold at \$350. They have, however, recovered somewhat at the close and buyers are now offering at \$350, with sales at \$360. China Underwriters have fluctuated between \$2.05 and \$2.10. Hong Kong Fire has remained steady at \$815. Canteons have lapsed to a nominal quotation of \$695.

Shipping.—Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats were realised again at \$86 to \$86½. Douglas Steamships are wanted at \$25. Preferred Indos continue in request at \$16. Waterboats are unchanged.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves were negotiated at \$140. A fair quantity of China Providents were taken off the market at \$5.10 to \$5½. Whampoa Docks can be placed at \$22½. Shanghai Docks have fallen away to \$15. Hongkong Wharves at \$15. 100 and New Engineering at \$15 are nominal.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels had a set back in the early part of the week and were sold down to \$9.00 but have since strengthened and transactions are reported at various rates up to \$11½. Hong Kong Lands are required for at \$64½. Lands were made in Hamphers Estate at \$14½. Realty have changed hands at \$8½ and more can be placed at this figure.

Public Utilities.—Hong Kong Electric were dealt in at \$68. Hong Kong Trams closed the turn lower at \$184. Pink Trams are saleable at \$117. China Lights are required for at \$161. Telephones are wanted at \$7.80.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements (Combined) are in demand at \$12.80. Dairy Farms have lapsed to a nominal quotation of \$202. Watsons are on offer at \$12. Amusements have receded to \$24½. Lane, Crawfords are obtainable at \$1.55. Hong Kong Ropes seek buyers at \$8. Demquats can be placed at \$4.70. Kailans have advanced to 63½.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos were taken off the market at the outset at \$14.55 to \$15, but have since receded to \$13.15 at which figure sales were made and there are further buyers. Shanghai Cottons (Old) are required for at \$15.77. Forward Settlement Days.—Dec. 23, 1929.

CHINA MERCHANTS' AFFAIRS.

COMMISSIONER GRANTED EXTENSIVE POWERS.

Announcement was made in these columns several days ago, says the N.C. Daily News, with reference to the appointment of Mr. Chao Tieh Chiao as Acting Special Commissioner for the China Merchants S. N. Co. The company has now received a further mandate from the National Government approving the provisional regulations governing the powers conferred upon the Special Commissioner in the execution of his duties, which follow:—

(1) The Special Commissioner is responsible directly to the Government under the supervision and guidance of a Special Committee for the reorganization and administration of the company's affairs; and those of subsidiary companies; (2) In order to expedite the company's affairs, an office shall be organized under which all work shall be carried out by various departments and committees, regulations for which will be published in due course;

(3) The Special Commissioner shall be empowered to liquidate the company's properties, stocks and obligations and expand its business, and he shall represent the company in all external affairs and legal relationships but he shall report to the Government and the Special Committee on all important matters; and

(4) The Special Commissioner shall submit to the Government and Special Committee, for approval, monthly reports of the company's revenues, expenses and general affairs; annual reports, including the company's working statement, balance sheet and a statement of profit and losses.

CANTON RAW SILK MARKET.

REPORT WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 3.

Our market remains dull and featureless, in absence of buying. Prices are fairly well maintained for the time being.

Stocks are increasing, and amount now to 9,000 bales.

The Chinese have had a meeting and have discussed the question of fixing a minimum price limit, they are further contemplating to curtail production, by stopping work in the filatures from the 20th instant until such time when the market will be relieved of some of the stock.

Judging from past experience, such resolutions are not adhered to by all the Chinese, and it is therefore very questionable whether the desired effect, i.e. the stabilisation of prices, will materialize.

Quotations are:—
Minimum fixed price limit.
8945 for 14/16 N.S. Crack ... \$860
8860 for 20/22 N.S. X.X.A. ... 880
8645 for 13/15 O.S. Best I. ... 950

RUBBER.

WORLD PRODUCTION FOR 1929.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter dated October 23 from Messrs. Hornby Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool.

The market has been in a very different mood during the week under review, and, on balance, values are slightly lower. Close last night:—Spot and October 9th, January/March 10th, April/June 10.7/10.8, January/December 10.9/10.9, January/December 1931 11.0/11.0.

For some days past interest has been chiefly centred in a meeting of Dutch producers which took place yesterday when a large majority declared themselves ready, in principle, to accept the Committee's proposals in favour of the creation of a reserve of 45,000 tons to be placed under the control of a central selling organisation.

Although the majority of those present voted in favour of the committee's plan, it transpired later that the majority represented only 30,000 tons out of the total production of 65,000 tons of purely Dutch rubber.

In a circular issued earlier this month, the Committee estimated the total world production of rubber for 1929 at 520,000 tons, and the consumption at 700,000. Making allowances for accumulated stocks shipped from Malaya and Ceylon this year, the Committee estimated the world production next year would also amount to 520,000 tons, whereas consumption next year would attain, it was estimated, 850,000 tons; hence the proposal to create a reserve of 45,000 tons representing approximately 10 per cent. of the production of British, Dutch and French rubber companies, the reserve being placed under the control of an international central selling organisation.

Presumably the next step will be to take the matter up with English growers with a view to securing their co-operation, but quite frankly we have no faith in the proposals and do not think they will meet with anything like general approval on this side in spite of the fact that a prominent London broker stated last week that any proposals would receive favourable consideration.

Our own feeling is that London dealers are hoping that the proposals will be sufficient to raise prices to some extent with a view to putting out further sales, but it should not be overlooked that it is known that no serious buying of next year's Rubber has been done so far, so that the class of buying might easily cause dealers to change their policy.

For the above reasons, it is very difficult at present to read the tendency of the market, but whilst we should not be surprised to see prices go lower to some extent, we continue to have a favourable opinion of the market in the long run. Values cannot fall materially below to-day's level, and given an unexpected expansion in the consumption demand, they might improve considerably. We would therefore recommend taking advantage of easy markets to accumulate the more distant 1930 deliveries.

Stocks: London 45,711 tons, Liverpool 11,789 tons, a total increase of 1,589 tons.
Our New York correspondents cabled last night that the market is nervous. The trade is apparently leaning towards the idea that concerted action is possible between British and Dutch producers. Prominent dealers were good buyers yesterday.

Close New York last night:—January 20.10c, March 20.70c, May 21.10c, July 21.40c.

[Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 9 of this issue.]

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING.

CHANGE OF DATE ANNOUNCED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rome, Dec. 6.
The Foreign Office has been informed by the League of Nations Secretariat that the League Council meeting has been fixed for January 12 instead of 20.

This change of plan has followed as the result of Signor Grandi's representations that Italy's convenience would be met by antedating the meeting of the League Council so that it would not overlap the meeting in London of the Five Power Naval Conference due to open on January 21.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, will attend the League Council as British representative.

OBITUARY.

SIR GERSHOM STEWART.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 5.
The death is announced of Sir Gershom Stewart, K.B.E.

[Older residents of the Colony will read the above news with the greatest regret, for though Sir Gershom left Hong Kong in 1906, his business ability, public spirit and genial personality are very well remembered. Sir Gershom, who was 71 at the time of his death, joined the Hong Kong staff of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation in 1888, and later, with his brother, the late Mr. Murray Stewart, founded the firm of Stewart Brothers. He became a member of the Legislative Council and was associated with many of the Colony's business activities. Sir Gershom went home in 1906 and in 1910 became Conservative member for the Wirral Division of Cheshire. His great knowledge of the Far East after proved of value in the House of Commons, and he came to be regarded as the "member for Hong Kong," and for the British community in China and Japan generally. Sir Gershom retired from politics in 1925, and it was typical of his popularity that constituents of both parties united to make a presentation to Sir Gershom of his portrait in oil by Mr. F. T. Capell, and to Lady Gershom of a jewelled watch, in recognition of their public services over a period of fourteen years.]

PEACE IN POLISH DIET.

SPEAKER'S BAN ON POLITICAL SOLDIERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WARSAW, Dec. 5.
Despite the recent cleavages the Diet opened this morning without incident and proceeded on quiet lines with the agenda which included the Budget and the revision of the Constitution.

The only reference made by the Speaker, M. Daszynski, to the military invasion of Parliament was his expression of the conviction that the army should keep aloof from politics. The Dictator, Marshal Pilsudski, was absent from the Session.

Early last month, apparently annoyed with certain Parliamentary activities, he took 100 armed officers to the Diet and overawed the Deputies. The Speaker defied him on that occasion and refused to open the proceedings until November 5.

A serious clash between the Dictator and Parliament seemed inevitable but the President intervened and prevented a clash. M. Moscicki sided with Pilsudski and ordered an adjournment until today, thus circumventing the action of M. Daszynski who, in defiance of M. Daszynski, convened the Diet for November 5, taking precautions to avoid further military interruption. The Deputies then expressed the opinion that the Dictator had hesitated to bring matters to a head.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30.

Plague.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alexandria	1	—
Phnom Penh	2	2
Calcutta	55	29
Madras	—	1
Tuticormi	9	1
Phnom Penh	2	2
Canton	1	—
Batavia	1	—
Bombay	2	—
Calcutta	6	5
Cochin	47	5
Karachi	1	—
Madras	18	2
Moulmein	1	—
Nagapattam	1	—
Pondicherry	—	1
Batavia	3	—
Pontianak	1	—
Canton	1	—

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Rawalpindi from the North:—Mrs. M. Brooke, Mr. J. Ward, Mr. N. Berry, Prof. G. Wrong, Mr. E. MacInnes, Mr. Crawford Martin, Mr. G. Nicholl, Mr. H. Tobias, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart, Mrs. T. Livanora, Mrs. E. O'Sullivan, Mrs. R. Bourne, Mr. S. Ismail, Mrs. M. and Miss Lye, Mr. G. Ching, Mr. E. Tai, Mr. L. Lung, Mr. Canning, Mr. R. Hepburn.

The following passengers arrived by the s.s. President Lincoln from Seattle and Shanghai for Hong Kong:—Mr. H. Abend, Mr. Walter W. Allerton, Miss Adelaide H. Allerton, Mr. Charles S. Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bois de Mousilly, Mr. Mrs. Lillian R. Butts, Mrs. E. A. Chaillet, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper A. Fenner, Mr. Brill Fenner, Miss Joanne Fenner, Miss Peggy Fenner, Master Jay Fenner, Jr., Mr. Harold E. Foster, Miss Donna Harter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Hartford, Mr. William K. Hatt, Mr. William E. Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Lichtenauer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mogmash, Mr. Wilkey B. Newsome, Mr. N. Paumanand, Miss Florence Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. (Continued on next column.)

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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RADIO DANCE.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial news,
12 to 1 p.m.—Demonstration programme of Chinese and European records.
2 to 3 p.m.—Chinese and European programme.
3 to 4 p.m.—Children's programme. Aunt Jean, Uncle Dick and Uncle Jeff will entertain the "Kiddies."
4 to 5 p.m.—Demonstration programme of Chinese and European records.
5 p.m. to midnight.—Dance programme.
The "Sensah" Dance Band will broadcast dance music from the Studio. There will be an interval at approximately 10.30 p.m. when news bulletins will be announced.
12 p.m. Close down.

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M.V. "VIMINALE" ... Sails on or about the 7th Jan.
S.S. "HILDA" ... Sails on or about the 25th Jan.
M.V. "REMO" ... Sails on or about the 4th Feb.

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Large table containing weather data for December 5, 1929, and December 6, 1929, including barometer, wind, and temperature readings for various stations.

December 6d. 11A. 05m.—Warning to Hong Kong Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 10° N. Long. 125° E., moving W. December 6d. 11A. 07m.—The anticyclone is now central over the Sea of Japan. The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Fochow, but will remain fresh over China Sea.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 7. 1.—Formosa Channel 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoucks 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Table with weather data for Hong Kong Observatory, December 6, including barometer, temperature, and wind readings.

SERVICE TO READERS.

THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS, LTD., and the HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS, through their London Office, at 21, BRIDE LANE, FLEET STREET, E.C. 4, are prepared to give Subscribers and Visitors advice regarding accommodation available, motoring facilities, suitable shopping centres, etc.

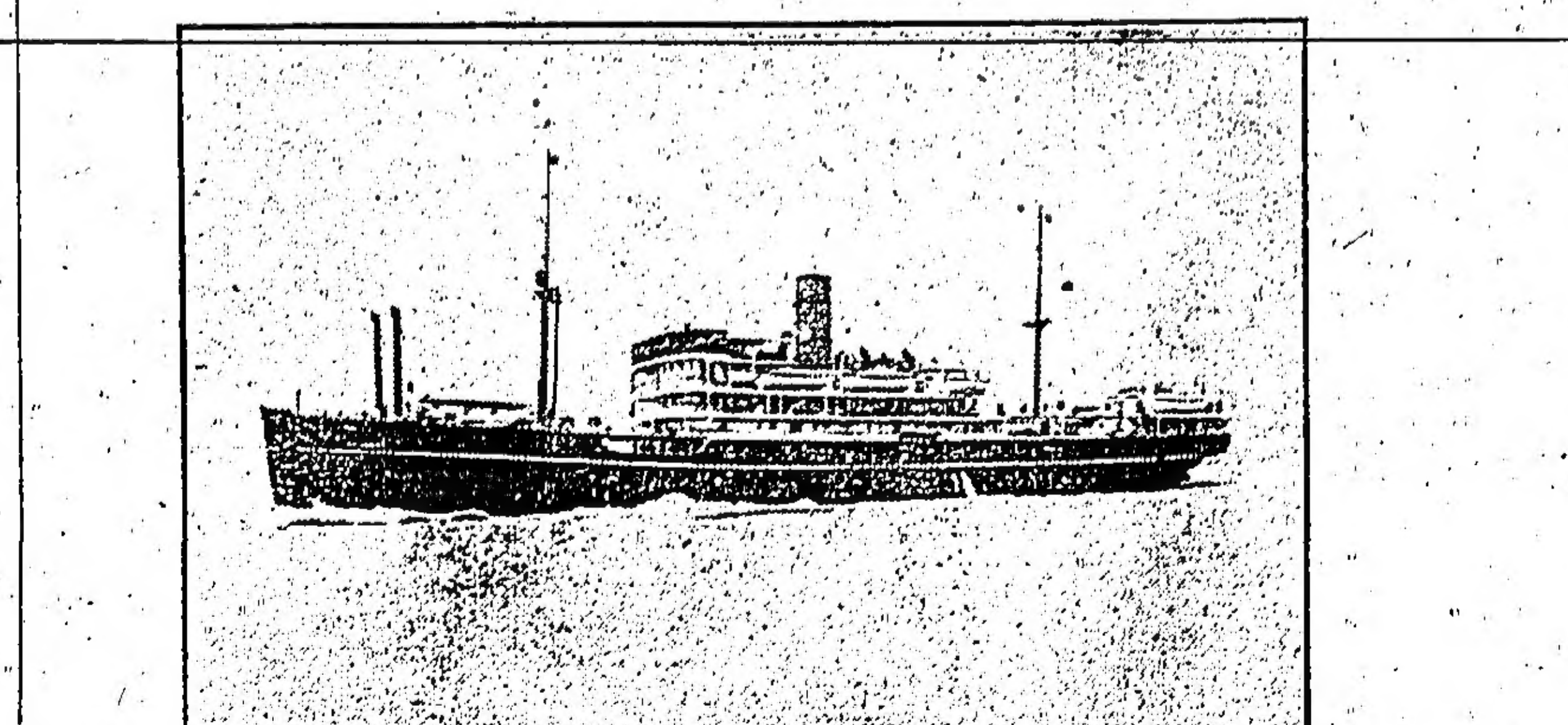
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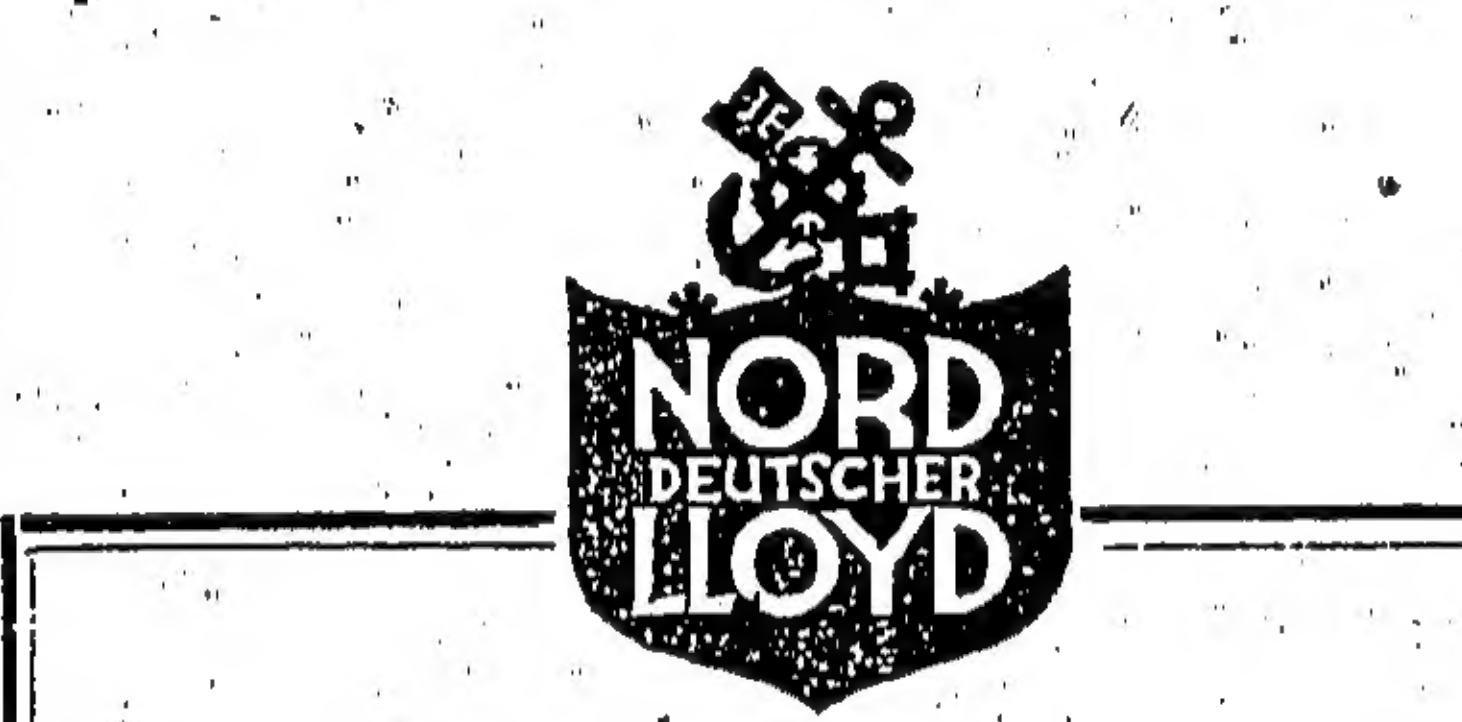
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	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 31
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Mar. 1
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 26
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 23
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 27	May 17
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 6	May 9	May 12	May 14	May 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 23	May 26	May 29	May 31	Jun. 10
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jun. 10	Jun. 13	Jun. 16	Jun. 18	Jun. 21
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jun. 27	Jul. 1	Jul. 4	Jul. 6	Jul. 13
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jul. 14	Jul. 17	Jul. 20	Jul. 22	Jul. 25
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jul. 21	Jul. 24	Jul. 27	Jul. 29	Aug. 1
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 22
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 1	Sept. 4
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 12
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 14	Sept. 16	Sept. 19
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 21	Sept. 23	Sept. 26
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Sept. 22	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Oct. 1	Oct. 4	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 12
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 16	Oct. 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Oct. 26
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Oct. 22	Oct. 25	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Nov. 2
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 6	Nov. 9
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Nov. 5	Nov. 8	Nov. 11	Nov. 13	Nov. 16

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Dec. 22, 5 p.m.	Dec. 24	EMPEROR OF CANADA	Dec. 24

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MISHIMA MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.

HAKONE MARU ... Saturday, 14th Dec.
SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 24th Dec.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 25th Dec.
AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SADO MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

ANYO MARU ... Sunday, 22nd Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU ... Thursday, 19th Dec.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa & Marseilles.

DAKAR MARU ... Tuesday, 10th Dec.

CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 8,700 TONS;

THROUGH CARGO

12,700 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

	British	Cargo	Through
	H.K.	H.K.	Ports
Rawalpindi	40	9,900	
Kanchow	250	1,250	
Szechuen	—	250	
Yatsing	—	350	
Haizang	—	400	
Chusan	—	700	
Shanghai	400	700	
Team, Canton	—	400	
Siamese Prince	—	150	
New York	150	150	
Rajputana	500	1,500	
London	—	2,070	7,150
American	—	—	—
Standard Arrow	—	3,300	3,500
San Pedro	—	3,300	3,500
Japanese	—	—	—
Hague Maru	—	900	—
Osaka	—	—	—
Wakasa Maru	—	60	2,000
Yokohama	—	1,020	2,000
Portuguese	—	—	—
Wing Kee	—	400	—
K. C. Wan	—	400	—
Total	—	8,710	12,770

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	9
American	2	0
Japanese	3	2
Chinese	3	4
Portuguese	1	0
Dutch	0	1
Danish	0	1
Total	18	18

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves—Kowloon: Asama Maru, Rawalpindi, Hague Maru, Rajputana; Chiu On; Hydrangea; A.P.C.—North Point: Bounia; Socony—Luichikok: Standard, Arrow; O.S.K.: Deli Maru; Douglas; Lapraik: Haiyang.

Docks—Kowloon: Hang Sang, Chakrang, Thalung, Venezia, Kelambagan; Taikoo Kwaiyang, Hong Hwa, Ichang, Kwangchow, Seang Bee; Cosmopolitan: Helios. Buys—A1 Yokohama Maru, A3 Teucer, A4 Wakasa Maru, A5 Lahn, A6 Telemachus, B9 Szechuen, A10 Michigan, B13 Kaying, C15 An Lee, C17 Lushan Maru, C18 Kanchow, B21 Roko Maru, A25 Kambore, A26 Oldenburg, A28 Rangoon Maru, A30 Ouderkirk, B32 Yatsing, C38 Helios, B36 Bintang, B35 Sagara Maru, C40 Wong Shek Kung, C41 Kaithe, C43 Borneo, C48 Sokndal, A32 Pearl.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT CASES.

A master of a cargo boat was fined \$3 by Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood at the Marine Court yesterday for making fast outside of five others alongside the s.s. Borneo, which is lying at Buoy 43.

A hawker was before Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood on a charge of selling cigarettes on board the s.s. Halvard, in contravention of the terms of his license. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

Notice to Mariners.

The Harbour Master has received information that it has become necessary to extend the time limit of the blockade of the West River, which, according to previous information, was due to terminate on December 5.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

	Arr.	Dep.
Kanchow (Br.) Shanghai	27	
Amoy (Br.) Canton	23	
Szechuen (Br.) Canton	27	
Haizang (Br.) Foochow and Swatow	63	
Rajputana (Br.) London and Singapore	10	
Lee Cheung (Chinese) Samui	111	
Tai Hing (Chinese) Antau	27	
Wing Lee Port (C. K. Wan)	110	
Total	360	

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived on Thursday by the s.s. Rajputana, from London and ports:—Mr. J. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Longbottom and child, Miss J. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Henderson and child, Miss D. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Nelson and child, Mr. C. W. L. Cole, Mr. E. S. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cassidy and child, Miss Walsh, Mr. D. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hodges, Capt. G. A. G. Moore, Miss McIlroy, Mr. G. Hailly, Mrs. L. C. Parker, Miss and child, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ellis, Mr. W. Crichton, Mrs. A. Baxter and three children, Mr. W. Hodge, Miss C. M. Hopkinson, Mr. A. J. Wadmore, Mr. and Mrs. P. Burit, Miss E. Brittle, Miss H. Mahony, Mr. T. F. Claxton, Mrs. A. T. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. E. Coates, Mr. W. W. Hirst, Mr. W. G. Harrison, Mrs. M. A. Taylor and infant, Mrs. S. Gray and two children, Mrs. Patrick Maxwell, Mrs. R. M. Woolley and infant, Sub-Lieut. A. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Trice, Mr. L. A. Mallet, Mr. H. A. Angus, Eng. Comdr. S. E. Main, Mr. E. M. Moon, Miss D. M. Moon, Mr. E. A. Mallet, Miss M. Carruthers, Mr. W. E. Horlock, Mr. H. W. Wilkinson, Miss A. G. Parker, Mrs. H. J. Peters, Mr. C. Mc. Messer, Mr. J. B. N. Bell, Mr. R. G. Edwards Jones, Mr. F. C. Manning, Miss G. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagram, Mr. H. Arnold, Mr. W. La Bart, Mr. S. M. H. Arnold, Comdr. and Mrs. H. A. C. Dick, Rev. W. Short, Lieut. H. C. Gould, Mr. Atmaram, Mr. A. T. Khan, Mr. S. H. Dandachari, Mr. B. P. Tavadia, Mr. A. H. Elie, Mr. F. Conto, Mr. V. M. Grantham, Mr. and Miss Liddicott. (Continued on next column.)

ARRIVALS.

December 6.

Bithina, British str., 2,338 tons, Capt. R. Binks, from Balikpapan, North Point—A.P.C. C.G. Paul, Doan, French str., 734 tons, Capt. A. Hebert, from Swatow, buoy No. C45—M. M. & Co. Kambore, Belgian str., 3,807 tons, Capt. Van Den Eynde, from Singapore, buoy No. A25—Bank Line. Kanchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Amoy, buoy No. C18—B. & S. President Lincoln, U.S. str., 14,167 tons, Capt. H. L. Jones, from Seattle, Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Lines. Pronto, Norwegian str., 1,933 tons, Capt. Bj. Moller, from Swatow, buoy No. C38—Chin Seng Hong. Rangoon Maru, Japanese str., 3,633 tons, Capt. H. Itani, from Singapore, buoy No. A29—N.Y.K. Rawalpindi, British str., 16,600 tons, Capt. R. H. Stringer, from Japan via Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co. Sagara Maru, Japanese str., 1,067 tons, Capt. S. Matsushita, from Canton, buoy No. C38—Y.K.K. Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Canton, buoy No. B2—B. & S. Yat Shing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. L. H. Hutchings, from Canton, buoy No. B32—J. M. & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 6.

Anker, for Tientsin. Bithina, for Sebatik. Hai Yang, for Swatow. Kambore, for Shanghai. Kanchow, for Canton. Marly, for Bangkok. Rangoon Maru, for Moji. Rawalpindi, for Singapore. Roko Maru, for Canton. Sagara Maru, for Moji. Standard Arrow, for Saigon. Thalung, for Bangkok. Tinhow, for Saigon.

WARSHIPS 'IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—Basin—Tamar, Cornflower, Petrel. In Dock—Magnolia, Seaweed, North Arm—Iroquois, Scraph. West Wall—Kent. No. 4 buoy—Herald. No. 5 buoy—Hermes. No. 6 buoy—Berwick. No. 8 buoy—Bruce. No. 12 buoy—Sirdar. No. 13 buoy—Stormcloud. Foreign Men of War—Portuguese gunboat Macay; Chinese gunboats Yang Chien, Chu Tung and Ming Sang; Italian gunboat Sibia.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

FOR DECEMBER, 1929.

	Sunrise	Sunset
To-day	6.50 a.m.	5.39 p.m.
To-morrow	6.51	5.39
Monday	6.52	5.39

Mrs. W. S. Bevan, Miss Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bok, Miss E. C. Gaston, Mr. J. E. Myers, Mr. T. K. Bousfield, Mrs. J. Strachan, Mrs. Lornie, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Vick, Mr. O. C. Balziel, Mr. N. F. Railton, Mr. J. F. Lavies, and Mrs. K. V. Krishna and child.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	7th Dec, Noon	B'bay, Mars. & L'don.
"BRITANA"	—	18th Dec.	Mars., L'don., Hull, H'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"ALIPORE"	8,973	19th Dec.	Strait, Colombo & S'bay. [A'warp.
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Dec.	Mars., L'don., Hull, H'g, R'dm. & A'warp. [A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,668	4th Jan.	B'bay, Mars. & L'don.
"LAHORE"	9,304	11th Jan. [Mars.]	L'don., Hull, H'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KEIWA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Mars., London, R'dm. & A'warp.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	22nd Jan.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. [Mars.]	L'don., Hull, H'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars., L'don., Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	8th Mar. [Mars.]	L'don., Hull, H'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Mars., L'don., Hull, R'dm. & A'warp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	25th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	28th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,668	5th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., L'don., B'bay, & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Mars.]	L'don., Hull, H'g, R'dm. & A'warp.
"KEIWA"	9,135	7th June	Marseilles and London.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	11th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,035	20th Dec.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	3rd Jan. 1930	do.
"TAKADA"	8,949	14th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Jan. 1930	Manda, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"NELLOR"	6,853	21st Jan.	do.
"TANDA"	6,856	28th Feb.	do.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Japan & Hong Kong to Australia. The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hio, Cebu, Kolambagan, Tawao, Timor, Durban, or other ports en route as indicated.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc. The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal. The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape. The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	11th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	18th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KEIWA"	9,135	21st Dec.	do.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	21st Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	8,949	24th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MANTUA"	10,948	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLOR"	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KARMALA"	9,128	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	25th Jan.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,856	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	25th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	14th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

